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SATURDAY JANUARY 1

C. & I breakfast at 10 o'C. Tel. John Dalby about turkey promised for N. Year but none have arrived. [illegible] Mrs. Williams & suggested that she go back to London where she would have more company [illegible] E[illegible] with Mrs D[illegible], but she replied with some indignation so I said we had better go down [illegible] and get money and stamps. Made up envelopes and [illegible]. Talk Charley about pruning apple trees hard. Told John [illegible] not to work on North [illegible] wall in the morning as it is too cold there. Three [illegible] fan-tail pigeons returned for a visit. [illegible] Andrew [illegible]. After [illegible] down [illegible] Jack [illegible] of [illegible] and explained about [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. Then spent rest of afternoon [illegible] down [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] post arrived from London. [illegible] & [illegible] & I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] writing [illegible]. After dinner

A. [illegible] tel. call for Briggs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Rocks [illegible]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

up 9.30. Did extra exercises in my bath to make up for going to bed late and not sleeping very well. Worried about Alfred & Brian and her flannelettes with her hair up like a governess. Breakfast w. G. at 10 o'c. wound clocks and went to church. When I came back A. down and her nicely permanently waved hair down & lip stick. looked very pretty. Talked a bit and then got out. G. called for G. and down to Totteh[illegible] & got dozen eggs. Mrs Jackson told me about her usual Boxing day parties and the [illegible] from our cottage there. Seemed all very [illegible]. [illegible] G. talked in a wild [illegible] way etc. makes me think [illegible] Nannie. Often changed into other sheets. Thought it applies & [illegible] all afternoon [illegible] again. Tea & G. & A. & I [illegible] Cath, Ba[illegible] & Evelyn & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they back

MONDAY JANUARY 3

up 6.40 and only just ready in time for walk to the station for the 9.10 train. Asked Charles to paint sycamore clean [illegible]. [illegible], and told them [illegible] [illegible] continue wall by [illegible] yard and get in a straight [illegible] J Clark [illegible] and act the [illegible] Castle [illegible] in a conversation [illegible] on the station [illegible] half [illegible]. Dry all the way [illegible] disturbed by [illegible] women. [illegible] Mr Somerset back & got him to check my [illegible] expense account. Then did the post. Nice letter from Knapp about Open Night. [illegible] [illegible] W. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Mr Sewell on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Edgar Marsh & Arnold [illegible] about letter to Malaya, [illegible] [illegible] a copy. Have cut [illegible] letter. [illegible] home 5.30. Trapped in train at [illegible]bore and [illegible] on platform in black out after train had started no particular damage. walked home [illegible] light. 62

Tuesday January 4th

Spoke to Humphreys again about Smith's right to gate of yard. All right - because [illegible] after [illegible] to before. [illegible] & 3 [illegible] fr. Currey Cannon. Message fr. Paper Control. Will go on Thursday. Tel. fr. Viscount [illegible]. Wants to see me. Agreed on luncheon at his flat tomorrow. Strange letter fr. Marjorie about agreement and ownership of paper, closing as friendly as ever. A letter fr Mrs [illegible] asking us to [illegible] her daughter's wedding to Dick Wigram "so good a man. His father is 1st cousin to Lord Wigram." Sent letter to Malaya "by air" to C. Lansdowne. Came [illegible] Mr. Tav. Long call fr. Mrs Flowers about [illegible] life of Mrs Eddy. She was educated by a bishop [illegible] at Versailles & Dancing Street. Mrs White came to say she has to give up on account of [illegible] Had been here [illegible] since we came to [illegible] St. Home 5.30 a. [illegible] heard that [illegible] in a fortnight. [illegible] after [illegible] coming [illegible]

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5

Ready to start before Taylor rang up – said he could not start today. Tried to get Head in Lewis to take C. & any tried V. Lee who came down in his pyjamas. Too late for me to ring Lee. W. draft letter to André M. Taylor returns by 10.20. Took an [illegible] to Mr Clements. C. [illegible] changed at Horsham. Office endorsed cheques – went to Lewes w. Violet Leconfield. She wanted to consult me [illegible] seeing Clayton. Back to office. C. out [illegible] to [illegible] Central [illegible]. W. Martyn Skinner. Sent copy of [illegible] to Edna E. forwarded to C. M. Fixed details for [illegible] w. Mr Mead – general [illegible]. Dictated. Home 6.15. [illegible]. C. did not arrive till 6.15 [illegible] & [illegible] at [illegible]. Drink before dinner. Talking about things, C. reading [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 10.30

Warmer THURSDAY JANUARY 6. Met
Frank Depper [?] on the way.
W. Vaillant [?] Lichfield [?] in train.
Got cigarettes on way to
office. Signed agency changes [?]
W. Cox about his Wiley & Putnam
Pos. Got out Nuttall's & Maunder [?]
Articles of association, Maisky [?]
letter about Shakespeare [?] &
Wiley + Putnam 1843 book to
ship to Paper Central. Luncheon [?]
Little Russell St. Drive. Taxi
to Paddington & 1.45 train to
Reading. Door-keeper an old
Printer who talked of St. John [?]
Adlard [?] & Bookman & Wyman
for whom he worked. Saw Mr.
T. Brown who said [illegible] new
or old firms who had not
published books before were
could be given a quota, but
N.P.M. and others asking for paper
they earned pick up. He advised
me to apply again for Shakespeare
& Belfast Block. Then Reading Tea &
V. Church & home by 5.30. Told
that A. had telephoned from hotel
is spending Sunday w. Mabel [?] [illegible]

FRIDAY JANUARY. 7

Woke early & [illegible] about A. spending Sunday with Brian and his mother. Up at 7 o'c. After breakfast read New Statesman. Then settled down with [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] keeps up the interest well. C. came down. [illegible] went out. Had a friendly [illegible] with Mrs Walters. She [illegible] [redacted] on Monday. Evelyn [illegible] but D. [illegible] says she will [illegible] to go. Read in [illegible]. After lunch [illegible] Xmas Tree. Put away [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] windows. [illegible] on the [illegible] night. Tea & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]. A. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

SATURDAY JANUARY 8

Up 8 o'c. Long bath etc. breakfast
10 o'c. Drove to Wagner to get
money, stamps & films [illegible].
Mrs Jobbins had come to take Drew
& [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Mr Wilkins [illegible] & after
children alone & had Christine(?)
[illegible] in the house. Stayed up(?)
[illegible] & paid men. Charley &
Newell at work in orchard
[illegible] and cutting circles round
trees. Stamped cards. After lunch
came to see Jack Birdsall &
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] back of cottage. Cut the
trees on hill then by Charlie
back door, wire support had
broken & got Jack to renew it.
Took down water & filled
[illegible] troughs. Tennis court
[illegible] about twice. Pruned
[illegible] bushes along tennis court.
Joined by C. & worked at road
near [illegible] more open. Gave
directions together(?). Back to
house for tea. Tel. to Andes(?) Mitchell(?)
Tel. Jaffrey(?) & got car for Monday
morning. [illegible] decided. After
dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SUNDAY JANUARY 9

up 8:20. Breakfast w. C. at 10 o'c. Wound clocks front hallway & cottage sitting room & mended her paper hat. C. went to church. I read Andrée's book (and part of some bed-jump) up a certain interest. Out to see Major Buckman & to Cons. after church about A.R.P. duties. Drew & Reeve's in; paper of instructions. W. Mr. & Ret. about extra coupons for our workers. Talked a bit. C. & I had lunch alone. Cleaned shelf next to bear Nannie. After lunch a bit more packing & mended our good black tie. Started map book. Found a mistake & a penny in my insurance de. Nectarine and tea & more. Set new cigarette envelope for map. Out and trimmed Clematis & Greenery. In for tea. Read André & then I finished packing up with ours. Cocktails of vermouth & liqueur whisky instead of Gin; & dinner, like a little banquet; & very [illegible]. Got to [illegible] & [illegible]

MONDAY JANUARY 10

up 6.40. Sleep [illegible] & Bath ex
as usual. Tel. [illegible] & got
off for 9.10 [illegible] Mrs [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] Dennison
Burbank. @ 1 & all [illegible] buggy.
Polish & English soldier talking
French [illegible] [illegible]. Put
@ [illegible] & [illegible]. Left @
[illegible] ([illegible]) at [illegible]
Tel. [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] about [illegible]. [illegible]
about Burnham [illegible] &
called Cunningham. [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] went [illegible]
to apply [illegible] [illegible]
Lunch [illegible] 1 [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and got [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] bath [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Back [illegible] Dorchester
@ [illegible] [illegible] Blackie N. who
was a bit [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] @ 1 [illegible] [illegible] No [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY JANUARY 11

Dreamless. Up 6.45. Office 9.45. [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] luncheon [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Tel. [illegible] Fulford [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Friday. Tel. repeated an application from Japan for "Down There Home". Dinner Claridge's for A's birthday — [illegible] Toynbee [illegible] 1A. + 1. Gave A. £10 — Frances Acheson 1st time for [illegible]. Also Frances Liggett & Charles Wyndham. Afterwards [illegible] letters bringing application from Dan W. Lister about [illegible]. Read [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] all [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Stayed at office till 5.30 [illegible] [illegible]. Frances came to supper. Appeared [illegible] laughed at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the country, but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] bed at 11 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible] 12 [illegible] A. Then [illegible] [illegible] Vivien [illegible]

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12

Woke up with sore throat.
Went home [illegible] breakfast.
up 7.20. Office 10.30. Tel. fr.
[illegible] about her mother [illegible]
[illegible]. W. drafts of letters for
Mrs C. & copy. [illegible]
[illegible]. Lunch Garrick [illegible]
[illegible] & talked about H.S. [illegible]
Brought home coat of [illegible]
for Jack Bennett. Worked
on application for paper [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] - Sore throat before
after taking soothing throat
pastilles. J.W. [illegible]
[illegible] months getting
[illegible] Diamond. To
[illegible] [illegible] & bed.
[illegible] [illegible]. Olga [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] &
[illegible] Dick [illegible]
[illegible]. Mrs Alan [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] West & [illegible]
[illegible]. Long talk [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible]
father and Fashion. She [illegible]
[illegible] Queen [illegible] and
all [illegible] together [illegible]
cultivated [illegible] a dear!

THURSDAY JANUARY 13

Saw [illegible] much better
[illegible] 7/15 breakfast
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
page for Shaw [illegible] Amusing
[illegible] list in perfect copies
[illegible] in [illegible] garden [illegible]
Lunch Mrs [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Back to
[illegible] [illegible] Mr [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Long
talk with Chippie
Back to AMBERLEY 5.30 Took
40 years [illegible] for Jack Brown
[illegible] who [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Bottom [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Our [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] left to [illegible]
Cottage [illegible] started with [illegible]
[illegible]. Drinks before dinner.
C. tel. to A. who [illegible] rather [illegible]
that [illegible] does not [illegible] [illegible] easy
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

F[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY JANUARY 14

Awoke early. Up 8.30. Breakfast
10'oc. Tel. Station. Our Suit
Cases have not turned up.
Spent morning reading Andrei's
book. Good. As a study of
modern Cuzco [illegible] but
unpublishable as a popular
book for general publica-
tion. [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible]
stayed at his [illegible]
to talk about this [illegible]
After lunch called up Station
and while I was talking one
came in 2 suitcases and
at [illegible] Harris Smith brought
them. C. Humphry at work
on North border wall in warm
still sunshine. Coat trees in
leaf and blossom. Cut back
and trained Clematis on pergola
working on step ladder. Tea
[illegible] C. and then slept in chair
by fire. Drinks before dinner
After dinner unpacked suit case
of [illegible], [illegible] & one cat. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Said [illegible]

SATURDAY JANUARY 13

up 8.30 Breakfast w. B. 10.30.
Seem to have started piles again
may come from my new ab-
dominal exercises in bath tub. I
have always suspected they tended
to enlarge veins. Down to village
Saw Coulson about fact [illegible]
& pleasure walk. Got money orders
and insurance stamps. Paid [illegible]
& spoke to Kettle about carrying out
B's wishes. Stamped cards. Told
Oliver [illegible] that she did not
[illegible] work (while [illegible] coming
to village & get [illegible] for B. &
Beth [illegible]. Mr. Tucker said
she thought Mr Williams perfectly strange
[illegible]
understand [illegible] C. Card
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] T. A. Ellery about
[illegible] 12.30. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Australian Burgundy [illegible]
Algerian wine. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

SUNDAY JANUARY 16

Another still misty day with sun almost breaking through in the afternoon. Up 7:30 Dumped pee & talk. Dr. [illegible] something about [illegible] movements wh. I [illegible] so many years [illegible] piles. Breakfast 10 & [illegible]. Fed chicks. Took things fr. window sill to studio. Got apples fr. Cellar & apple cider. Built up fire in st. room. Brought in [illegible] & beer. Andre Mikkelsen arrived at 1 after - first visit in many weeks. Has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quite [illegible]. C. liked him. Constantine [illegible] [illegible] fired up after C. put him off last week. Andre & I talked after dinner re [illegible] & about his book. C. talked to A. in st. room about [illegible]. Andre & I walked about [illegible] in mist no views. Tea & A. & Andre off to station 5:20 to be at 5:30 to [illegible]. Brian called up today [illegible] in London. Nap. [illegible]

[illegible]

MONDAY JANUARY 17.

Miss Scurland called me by lifting my light at 6.40 and I got down to breakfast at 7.30 while Nanni was busily dusting dining room. Out-wear Ian pho + Charley. Told Lottie to grate out apples to cottage and next to sweep them up till we want to live there on Feb 31. Evelyn + Irene at station. Irene at bunker and stage, lost all her pictures. Dozed in train. Usual office routine. Tel. A. late getting home in fog last night. Tel. Claridges - No table for C. or me on Wednesday. Luncheon Mrs. Tor. Crozier called. Confessed that Con had told Dorn and that she was correcting his articles! Letter from C. said that they will carry out my plan precisely. Talk West about importing books from America. Talk Keats who called this morning about supplying paper. Not very hopeful. Home at 5.30. Slept short of tea. Carry Mathews at 6 o'clock. Buying antique furniture for their new house after the war. Foggy at Ambelly & C. did not go out. Taylor's car is repaired by evening again. After dinner went up for S. Cecile still coughs + rattly. Clicked piano chapter for Westminster

TUESDAY JANUARY 18

wake myself & up at 6:45
walk to station & wait [illegible]
Mrs Frank & Mrs Dick & Joanna Pepper
at station. Drove all the way to
Brooklyn disturbed by talkers.
Couple seats across [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] fully. Usual routine.
Talk West about [illegible] for
N.S.A. etc. W. [illegible] to
Mentzer from Mrs C. [illegible]. Call
Dr. Isabella M. [illegible] who sees
Andes was very much pleased
and encouraged by her visit to
us. Taxi to Chas apt. and
lunch with Cecilia Fisher.
She looks better with better
false teeth than when I saw
her at Hampton Court before
war. was then seeing Dorothy
at Kingston. Saw Sir Geo. Clerk
and Sir Rupert [illegible] having
luncheon. Back to office and I
spent afternoon [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with Miss Mead. Tel
A. and arranged to have lunch
at Claridges on Thursday if
I can get a table. Home 5:20.
Slept most of the way. Not
[illegible] when I walked home.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] but not

[illegible]

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19

up 6.40. Sent message by letter to [illegible]. Allen [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] cupboard [illegible] gives his breakfast & [illegible] at 7.30. Walked to station [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] followed [illegible] with [illegible]. [illegible], apparently in train; she is [illegible] [illegible] on Saturday. Spent [illegible] Put G. in a taxi with two [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] went to [illegible] at 3 [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Finally [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] for A [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] too. Spent afternoon fixing up advertisement for [illegible] Circular. Met G. at station and home on 6.30 No blinds on doors so G.M. sat in dark all way to P. [illegible]. [illegible] very affable. Wandered back. [illegible] [illegible] he had a good day. Dinner & [illegible]. [illegible] still [illegible] when she [illegible]. Think Pole will be told must accept Russian claims.

THURSDAY JANUARY 20

Mrs S. [illegible] in my light at 6.45. Spoke to Charles about electric fuses [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] company. Gas lamps [illegible]. Not enough rain & no [illegible], so wells [illegible] dry & failing water supply. Got my old [illegible] out. Day [illegible] all the way. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] + [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]. Tel. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Lunch. A. Claridge's. Talked about Rosalind [illegible] below [illegible] a [illegible] glass. This led to talk about types of women — I got in my Idea of Virginia Graham & Valentine & Olton. Claridge's [illegible] tables [illegible] [illegible] almost [illegible]. Back to office. Talk Ragg about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] him [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] & Valley [illegible]. Call to Dr. S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. 3m [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] at [illegible] as usual. Felt quite shattered. Home 3.30. Anderson asked about [illegible]. Saw Pearsons at [illegible]. [illegible] no [illegible] but a great [illegible]. Jean in cottage

FRIDAY JANUARY 21

up 7.00. Breakfast 7.30
Built fire in N. Room. Sat
in Sitting room w/ C. & read
Andrew's book. Then when L. came
down, I moved into N. room &
read all morning in Andrew's bk
at 12.45 out & looked at
C's scrapping of bird flocks
up of candy. Luncheon
w/. Laurie "Anyway" Can't
I do that Cousin Constant?
After lunch out in sitting room all
wrote draft of appointment letter
to Dr. Stokes And then went out
and talked to Joan about last night's
visitors and gave her a bell to ring
out of the window in case of any
repetition. Talk Charley about guns
& said [illegible] Nunn is climbing and
Nunn about tanks that he is going
Means and planes, tried at top of
ramp and mark plans. Heat in
N. room. Then went on w/ plans
C. & I whiskey & soda, then w/ [illegible]
After dinner some of [illegible]
plans and gun fired. Read article
in Times about Spain and [illegible]
America. Read Andrew's book.
[illegible] writing of the press

SATURDAY JANUARY 22

Woke and up 7-15. Cool grey
windy day. Breakfast - 9 0°C!
Built fire in N. room. Down to
Ayrmer for money, stamps & candy.
Made up pay envelopes - stamped
cards and sent and paid them.
Measured tip to ramp and found
that my placing was practically
right. Explained my plan to Hettie.
Down to Ayrmer after wages
and got all. Had out-kitchen
and ... and Mrs Dickerman was
greatly shocked by Barricade
C.r.l. Studied Gotham Cat. with
only view to ... reasonable.
Listened to Reginald Applegarth's
talk on ... at 1.15. Had kept
out my luncheon plate to pass
to Hettie. Fear he had a bad
time last night in hamper ...
... hard for months. After
lunch down to ... & paid
workmen. Gave them 6d. extra
each, according to new rate. Worked
on Highly Park Garden - ...
writing draft letters etc. A warm
... Tea in N. room. Read André
... ... Mrs ...

SUNDAY JANUARY 23

up early and breakfast 9:30
Joined by Louis. Brian and
A. had breakfast upstairs.
wound clocks. G. and I writing
letters to Malaya [illegible] Dear [illegible]
[illegible] Sunday Times. He still crops
[illegible] bad: wound clocks. G. &
Louis to church. Read Angela's
book and finished it after
lunch. Half past two
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Louis
out walking and A. & Brian.
Brought [illegible] that macro-
carpa at top of orchard
blown down. We had meant
to cut it down anyhow.
In the afternoon M. [illegible] & Elizabeth
Pyle arrived and they all spent
afternoon cutting up macrocarpa
blown [illegible] [illegible]. Tea
in N. room & then H. [illegible]
[illegible]. M. [illegible] out duck-
shooting but no luck. Out
[illegible] macrocarpa [illegible] fried
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Beadles.
[illegible] Pearson & [illegible] then [illegible]
while [illegible] left [illegible] I
asked [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quite
[illegible] end. Drinks before dinner.
Brian [illegible] [illegible]. Young
people evening in N. room

MONDAY JANUARY 24

Brian + A. left by 7.0°C

Train. Eliz and Michael 7.30

Louis' 10.20. I slept in

E's room & A. in mine.

Spent morning in rearranging

& getting things ready. Post

Lunch. Carried. Met

Phelps at Grand Stand Stay

Garden. Heavy then + all

& Cold. N.H.C. E.C.F.

Tel. fr. Mim. Signed letters

etc. Got adorable for Olive

who can't sleep; she has

to leave at 2nd 7 wait.

Expecting her baby in about

3 or 4 months. Home 5.30

Anderson & Lines at O'brien

G. telephoned. Dr Vet. at

Arundel about Ursula but

she seems better tonight.

W. Horatio about her

Anthology & Proposals.

W. Derbyshire Peak Battle

TUESDAY JANUARY 25

Mrs S. [illegible] in my [illegible] at 9.45. Flora [illegible] in [illegible] Brooks. Pleasant day [illegible] morning. [illegible] in 1 [illegible] reading [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Completed [illegible] [illegible] Circular [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letters etc. Mimi & her [illegible] Alex called. [illegible] [illegible] Alex [illegible] and Mimi & I lunched [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] What [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] So [illegible] [illegible] 5 [illegible]. She is very [illegible] and cheerful. [illegible] [illegible] Alex [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in my office. 3 [illegible] 1 letters etc. [illegible] 5.30. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mimi [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Children. After dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26

[illegible] morning [illegible]
light at 6.45. Pink skies
[illegible] wet [illegible] rain.
Slept on way to [illegible].
Thinking of Peter over Breakfast.
[illegible] Apples. Tel from Mimi
asking [illegible] Peter to [illegible]
Saturday [illegible] coming to [illegible]
[illegible] birthday on Monday 31st.
Mr. [illegible] Robinson. Talk
[illegible] about my [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]. Lunch [illegible]
[illegible] Saw David Margesson [illegible]
[illegible] Farmer [illegible]
[illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible] talk [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] like Parker [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Parker. [illegible] call
from [illegible] Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] Miller's Bank 5000.
dollars [illegible] for 8 days.
[illegible] 6.30. [illegible] 9 [illegible]
Mr Miller [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Saw John [illegible]
[illegible] Bt. After
dinner [illegible] talk. Music
Read papers. After lunch saw

THURSDAY JANUARY 27

Woke myself 6.45 ... ... Breakfast ... ... the ... ... Ascension ... ... at ... for ... Office. Slept in train. ... ... & capt. Talk ... Tel. fr. ... ... Lunch at ... ... Frascati. He gave me ½ bottle of Vermouth and ... ... capt ... ... Imperial. Cafe ... ... talking about ... ... Signed wages & salary cheques Home 5.20 Slept in train ... ... about ... ... at station ... ... in the A.M. Drink before dinner. After dinner ... in ... ... for ... addresses, and ... ... Man

FRIDAY JANUARY 28

up 7.10 Breakfast 9. Long
[illegible] in bath. Gave Jean
her extra clippings and sat
Nearer [illegible] writing as
my application to [illegible]
Montreal? Tel. Mrs [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
but [illegible] in style. Out to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Checked [illegible]
[illegible] Worked up [illegible]
and then until dinner and after
[illegible] illustrations in [illegible]
[illegible] C. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] up [illegible]
dinner [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] C. [illegible] up [illegible]

SATURDAY JANUARY 29

Woke 5 o'c & worried over G.'s lameness. Could it have been prevented? Should the pin have been left in? Anything [illegible] now. Up 8 o'c. Breakfast [illegible] G. 9.30. To square & got stamps [illegible]. Read [illegible] back to O.F. Paid [illegible], stamps, cards [illegible] shop [illegible]. Told [illegible] to take [illegible]. Tel. [illegible] M. [illegible] got [illegible]. [illegible] Chemicals and [illegible]. Tel. M. [illegible] but always [illegible] for lunch. [illegible] Jack Russell did not come. Spent afternoon [illegible] out [illegible] G. before [illegible] M. [illegible] Got Mim [illegible] & arranged for her to come tomorrow. Sherry at dinner.

SUNDAY JANUARY 30–

Rain in [illegible] last night
Breakfast 9.30. Wound clocks
T. [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible]. Walk to Station & [illegible]
Mr. [illegible] Tea. Supper which
party for [illegible]. Mimi Alex
Peter arrived & Tony [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. G. [illegible]
at [illegible] wi. Mimi's appearance
walk about [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] wi. Children. [illegible]
apples. Lunch. Peter [illegible]
[illegible] wi. [illegible] [illegible] etc.
& [illegible] spent afternoon wi.
[illegible] on [illegible]. Talk Mimi
& [illegible] 5 [illegible] Oder at
[illegible] [illegible] school [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Alex
[illegible] a land girl. [illegible]
[illegible] executive. G. [illegible]
& [illegible] to be trustees and
guardians. Cleared [illegible]
G. & Mimi talked in N. [illegible]
[illegible]. Read [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] &
[illegible]. After [illegible]
N. [illegible]. G. [illegible] and [illegible]
talked in N. Room. Then Alex

MONDAY JANUARY 31

up 7.45 finished packing
to Kontich by 9.10. Rode
down at [illegible] and out to the
front. Slept on train.
Spent A.M. w: Kontich
clearing desk and pretty [illegible]
letters etc. Lunch Mrs.
Tav. Bar maid said her
son killed in Italy at
Christmas. Read etc.
Tel [illegible] Clinic and to
[illegible] about my
[illegible] points.
Pretty well cleared desk.
Talk [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible]. Signed letters.
Left 5:35 Home to Dorchester.
A.M. C. Caught pink-eye [illegible]
[illegible]: Have taken [illegible]
[illegible] spent [illegible] Brain
at [illegible]!!! Changed to C
[illegible] Monroe [illegible] Mrs [illegible]
and [illegible] after. Back to Dorchester
by 7.8 hrs. Dinner & spent
evening [illegible] by [illegible]

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1

Breakfast up 6.45
office 9.30 Worked on
Strength tables per Capt. [illegible]
papers for different posts
in letter from Mac C.[illegible]
types. Dined up also.
Letter to Gladys. Lunch
Carried. Chris. Bram will attend
P.C.s of Williamsburgh Va. Fine
new buildings given Chris's plans
Wren designs. On to
Stewarts Cove, another almost
internment Camp. Pleasant
friendly atmosphere. Taken
to large open school room
with long table. Count Mantzel
& officer sitting side by side
talking new diner. I put opp.
Mon[illegible]. Told me of his pitch-
ment in Canada as a Nazi.
Then taken away for Nazi put-
ting on a gadget. Then [illegible]
a [illegible] to a Canadian [illegible]
in Country. Then lots of men [illegible]
& [illegible]. wearing old coat of
Soldiers Regiment. Gave him 4 my
cigarettes. Then went out & I
brought him to a meal. [illegible]
Dinner Bernard & Gladys Robertson.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2

Dorchester. Office 10 o'c. W. letters. Long call fr. Fred [illegible]. Lunch. Pete Fielder & Air Comm. after [illegible], Birthday [illegible]. Took [illegible] at Clock-room, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] coat [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] then [illegible] put his arm [illegible] others [illegible] and [illegible] Attlee, Deputy Prime Minister! [illegible] Marguerite [illegible] Back to office. Signed letters. Ordered stamps [illegible] for O.S. [illegible]. Back to hotel. 6 to 1 [illegible] taxi to Lambeth Palace. Tea Archbishop & Mrs Temple 2 secretaries and Chaplain in [illegible] room. Then [illegible] about [illegible] hall & chapel and [illegible] weekly [illegible] work. Car to [illegible] Cinema [illegible] Tennessee [illegible] [illegible] battle. To bed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Talk [illegible] about [illegible]

[illegible]

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3

Overcast, up 6:45. Breakfast + reached office 10 o'C. Worked on Sketches in S. in S. Drafted 2 W. drafts for Mr. C. A. Copy. To A. for N. for letter and [illegible]. Had lunch at Foodles [illegible] sandwiches. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sketches in Stubbs & Russell on Wallace & Manners in print. Talk West about [illegible] - as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] etc. Packed up Ader Gin, Martini Vermouth + carried my [illegible] bag to [illegible] helped by H.S.A. [illegible] officers. Met C. on 5:30 train [illegible] from [illegible]. Drinks before dinner unpacked bag. After dinner [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] + read [illegible] [illegible] since [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4

up 7 o'c. hung bath etc. Thick morning fog. North broken until looking there bright fair by sun. But at the back with storm clouds. Then clear again and sunny all day. I worked steadily on M. Chilson MS, making list of corrections & writing [illegible] letter to Andie C. out. I came back because Doop has got a puppy without asking permission. It seems a shame [illegible] it to him. After lunch I went on with Andie's book & up to rest. Told Clarity to start with gallery cat. Dropped [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a little too hard work for my heart. David helped a bit. I saw geese flying over the field. Came in to tea and then slept in chair by fire. Cocktails after dinner - reads Tinie. Tel. fr. Vivien Mudy coming Monday w. A. to N.C. to E.G.F. W. draft letter to Lady Howard about her book. Glenn [illegible] going most of evening.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5

up 7 o'c. Cleaned bath with "Cumpton" that I bought for the purpose in Coptic St. Cut money & stamps and spent morning struggling with accounts adjusting figures to Annie's having paid bills necessary. Got everything wrong and did not clear it up till after lunch. Raining most along day. Charley did not shoot cat because Tom thought it was getting better. Paid Brunell. He and Mannis were cutting and swinging down great branches of Sycamores on Cottage lane. I spent afternoon taking crocus cups [illegible] up to yard with Dan's assistance. O. came out before I knocked off. Tea and then nap in Eddie's big chair. Drink a gin and read [illegible]. After dinner read Time. Finished accounts for January. Drafted letter to T about 31's [illegible].

Cold bright day. Woke 6.45 &
got up. Slight roughness in throat
Shampoo. Long talk C. and
cleaned [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. "Caution"
1st call back. So far that I did
not get down to breakfast
till 9.15. Wound clocks. [illegible]
to wind clock in cottage. Idle
regulator. At 9.45 clock not con-
tinuing not [illegible]. My own
clock fr. St. James's St. not there but
I was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] myself.
Meant to go to church but too cold
for my throat. Made notes on
Andre's book and typed up copy
for Maurice. Made list of [illegible]
but [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
for Mrs C. to copy. [illegible] [illegible]
She has got [illegible] a photograph
at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Took Andre's [illegible] to [illegible]
taken to station. Out before
lunch. [illegible] has not followed
my plan for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
After lunch copied list of 1881
from Royal Numbers. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Nap after tea. Drank [illegible]
Throat worse. Working [illegible]

MONDAY FEBRUARY 7

up 6.40 cleaned bath –
got dinner & breakfast 8.10
Saw Chesley about his
return and [illegible] about
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] Capt. Smith [illegible] letter
[illegible] copy & [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] up and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Slept in train
Cat listening at Chesington.
Saw Mr. C. letter I had written
a copy and checked a
few. Lunch [illegible]. Saw L.
Woolley. Sam out. Call [illegible]
a [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] old Tom in [illegible] –
[illegible] at noon. Signed
letters: Sent [illegible] of [illegible].
Gregory and Skinner, to
Richard R. & Ritchie H.
Home 5.30 Slept in train
Sore throat [illegible] [illegible].
Quite light at 6. [illegible] [illegible]
more daylight.
After dinner read paper & [illegible]
Cocktails for Kettie Cox's Emperor Plum.

Caught [illegible]: [illegible] felt strong-
last night [illegible] the [illegible]. Think
I am keeping [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Humphrey [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
walk [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]. Days [illegible]
bright cold day. Spent much
morning writing a letter to
Martyn [illegible] enclosing [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] to
him that I had no paper for
reprint. Talk [illegible] about
Rupert Newman affect. Miss [illegible]
has got a part time office
Somerset brought her a
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
in paper used in [illegible] [illegible]
lunch Martyn's [illegible] friend
[illegible] at [illegible]
at Emma [illegible]
& has heard Alfred [illegible]
speak & likes him. [illegible]
[illegible] artist Charles
[illegible] introduced by [illegible]
[illegible]. Effective [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] designs. Home 5.30
My [illegible] [illegible] seems better
after dinner talked about [illegible]

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9

up 6.40. Carr Humphreys plan for end of month week. 1st Taxi to station and C. & I up together. Forged and read Times. Office at about quarter to nine. Long Br. C. Jr. Sloane St. H. by [illegible] a terminal. Took ten for office and as soon at 1 tea. Embassy Chipmans to Blackwatts - supper bag "Bedroom" & placed Malaga app. for P. & S. & drafts letters etc. Call Lady Hammon in Street. Lunch C.F. Faucett. The Dinner at Tel. Mrs. Many Rutherford who said Ellis was applying to Court for [illegible] weeks. Actions. Spent it. Tel. Mr. P. M. Parker about Royal Humane. Met at Smith & Fenn Co. up for Victoria. Home with C. 5.30 Changed at Hackney but Anderson

up at 7. shaved and bathed and then back to bed for breakfast. Don't know if felt at good for not, tried + was ill rested all morning. inhaled Friars balsam; Bad bronchial soreness. Cert K. read but over ?? and out. Rested till lunch. W. wagers Chicago. W. Rita asking her [illegible] Summer that Ros Fisher in Washington. Rested this a.m. bronchitis better. Then home W. Mimi. Let me know will to Mehlen before coming. Ate Ameles Breakfast at 1- du soon. Worked on business except for last paper, before & after dinner. Read Meutlen [illegible] Morris as I always do when say ill. Inhaled Friars Balsam and drank glass of hot milk. G. came up and sat with me for a while. A. telephoned she and Vivie coming for Sunday. Viv. arrived Friday

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11

Sunburst cheerie shone [illegible]
all night. My brain Charles is
better but feels something strained
up to 10 o'cl. Long bath &
after breakfast read New
Statesman. Stay out going
well. Gladys Wyndham tel.
Alan [illegible] heard from. Tel.
Freda congratulations. Read
Times. Bathed. Inhaled Friar's
Balsam. Read Donne's poems
in Ox. Bk. Eng. Vse. Was dreadfully
frightened. Made M. Somers [illegible]
fever. G. out & gather. Forsythes
came up to see me & complaining
of being ill. Lunch and
read W. James – Talks to Teachers.
Revised my novel and B's
script and [illegible] till tea time.
Read Mercy of Le Morris
before & after dinner. Vivie
Mosley arrived. After dinner
telephone fr. Ardel Mitchell.
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
but G. put him off.

wakes up 5.30 with pain in
[illegible] region. Turned on
fire & opened window a crack.
Felt lighter but did not sleep
again. C. somewhat cross when I
went into her room for my
room to be done, whiff [illegible] was
dressing. Read Spectator. Seems
general opinion that [illegible], was
[illegible] after landing at Netting
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
money. Made up puzzles [illegible],
& C [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
night [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & A. [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] friends at
present. Read [illegible] & Time & Tide
Read Madame Curie. Interesting life
but no literary merit as a book.
Rested after lunch. Went round
out to [illegible] in. C. at [illegible]
[illegible]. A. [illegible] down
looking very healthy after holiday.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C.
[illegible]. Tea. Read [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] pamphlets. I [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
my [illegible] [illegible] etc.
I [illegible] after I [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13

Slept well and throat seems quite easy. No doubt electric stove all night helps up 70°. Lovely hot ax. Read papers. Inhaled. Worked on my publishing figures, prompt for ext. paper. Dressed, down, wound clocks. Got out sheets for others. Lunch by fire in sitting room. All papers comment on Churchill's statement all is well in Italy. Obviously no one believes it. But he must think we will escape disaster. Talk G. & Edk about marriage and having children. Up rested but I couldn't sleep. Worked on my figures. Went skiing on my front. Girls and Namis singing Bach — hymns. We had a fine time. Read Reluctant Dragon. Engaged dinner. Read James Talks to teachers

MONDAY FEBRUARY 14

up 6.30. Woken up by Cecil jumping on my bed. Saw A. just as she was leaving for 7.30 train. Letter to N. Schumann and Dr. H. Sent D. Morgan my coat photo. C. [illegible] Mrs C. & Japan I was [illegible] till Wednesday. [illegible] heard that Ellis had got 1 month extension at 66 [illegible]. Dressed & out to flat. Met [illegible] at [illegible] which [illegible] slipped [illegible] beautiful [illegible] left a big gap but ought to be filled in. Lunch there. Down in sitting room. Read paper about W. [illegible] [illegible] P.M. [illegible] inferiority. [illegible] slept till 4 o'C. Dressed and opened windows and seemed to get a chill. Down to tea but felt feverish & ill. Mrs [illegible] came to see C. about Matthews as house & garden boy. She hoped for wages [illegible] 2 [illegible]. W. M. [illegible] advice. Up to bed. Felt better. Dinner in bed. Played with J.L.C. & read puzzle.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15

Slept well w. small stove on but throat still rough and un-healed. Discouraged about returning to office. Up 6.50. Bath ex[illegible] & felt better. Letter fr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] refused & [illegible] probably not engaged. A. cannot make up her mind. Spent all the morning writing long letter to [illegible]. Did not [illegible] take any medicine. Felt better. Weather [illegible] with spells of sun. Got up just before luncheon [illegible] had [illegible]. [illegible] sherry [illegible] & Vols who came to lunch. [illegible] that [illegible] did not [illegible] Nannie. After lunch went to bed again and slept till 5 and woke up feeling better [illegible] went down to [illegible] and sat by fire. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Struggled w. [illegible] Started [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Stopped for dinner and went on after till 10.30 w. [illegible]

Damp chilly day. G. up 5
London taking Jean for dental
clinic & taking to Vivien / got
for Nannie Shek & Camo Corner
Completed cost chart and signed
papers. Shelfing 2 Months
Chesson a terrible thing but
perhaps not totally disastrous.
Drew & lunch in Sitting
room. N. rush for more
details of cost & accepted Soviet
Embassy invitation. W. Leslie
Heathy about his proof.
W. Dumbarton. Up to unit
3-2 and down for tea. Wind
has turned North and I feel
less alert. W. Rutherford who
has got orders for Ellis, hesitant to
leave 26 HQ of Mess March 15.
W. Mc Cay & draft letter to
Dahill about Cox's Coat. W. Sgt.
K. Mayes about club for H.S.A. staff
at Am. Embassy. G. returns at
? Sent by Jean Wyndham for
Algiers. Drank a whole pint of
J... now back in bath and G. has
come to us. Lin & biscuits & alfalfa. Dinner
in sitting-room. Read letters and papers.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

Long night without electric fire
Read article by Richard Merton on
Cunthin representing by using and
homage to him old English poet.
Spent morning in bed studying
C. Beadle's plan for H: tries to
escape death duty on property
inherited from his father by other
by limiting his appointment to
the grandchildren & others descendants.
Started to write covering letter to
send to A. W. document.
Stopped for luncheon and
finished and first draft 3.35
post. Went on ... letter
explanation and illustration
to Alfreda. W. stayed up to
tea had him in to dinner.
Read to L. after dinner. She
thought it pompous but in a
big way. Anyhow it is the
best I can do. L. very
absorbed in her play and
hopeful. W. wages energy
strikes ... I hope it is
all right. Fire in dining room

[illegible]

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18

Woke 4.30. with brain whirring [illegible] going over and over trivial details. Could not doze again. Must be [illegible] by effect of yesterday [illegible] about north [illegible] schemes [illegible] A. up 70°C. [illegible] bath [illegible] which may be taking the place of sleep which I [illegible] [illegible] are [illegible]. Read New Statesman; idea that [illegible] going to share E. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] 110°C. Read New Chronicle. U.S.A. plans for oil in Middle East. [illegible] letters [illegible] Coleman et al. [illegible] [illegible] Bank £19300. [illegible]. [illegible] to Black Horse [illegible]. [illegible] Allan's [illegible]. Cold N. wind [illegible]. [illegible] flakes of snow + [illegible] [illegible] Sir F. [illegible]. [illegible] W. [illegible] "[illegible]". W. McKie Sutherland. W. [illegible] Hopkins about Electronic Service. W. [illegible] for [illegible]. W. Marlyn Evans. Tea at [illegible]. Draft of [illegible]. After dinner spoke to C. about [illegible]. [illegible]. She likes idea. Defeat of [illegible] in W. Derbyshire election. Chat [illegible] Churchill + Conservative Party. After tea Vicar called and talked [illegible] about [illegible]. [illegible] a flurry of snow. [illegible] A. not [illegible]. [illegible].

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19

up 7.10 Breakfast in bed
that came French immediately
after. Read papers. Down to
offices and got money and
stamps. Made up pay envelopes
and paid men. After that
[illegible] opened up mails and found
[illegible] [illegible] Talked to
[illegible] about [illegible]. To on
[illegible] to trade at [illegible]
and he gave me list of [illegible]
to [illegible] to [illegible]. W. [illegible]
about [illegible]. [illegible] W.
Carrion Mills [illegible] for oatmeal
[illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] of papers
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at Smith's [illegible] [illegible]
Tea and [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Michie [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that I
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] for my glasses. After
dinner listening to [illegible]
by Raymond [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] opposition to [illegible]
Spent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] 2021

Up 7.10 Breakfast down
stairs at 9 o'c after washing
my hair as usual on Sunday
and doing long bath ex
wound checks. In study cottage
[illegible]. Cottage [illegible] sympathy [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Jean
going through [illegible] accounts.
Settled dinner & finish my coat
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at once it
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] might [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. 10 [illegible]
and paid him for [illegible]
[illegible]. Back [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] well, and [illegible] at
[illegible] back [illegible] [illegible] shaping. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] W. N. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. W and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] got [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 8
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

MONDAY FEBRUARY 21. [illegible]

3 Turned on my light at 6.40. [illegible] A [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] & [illegible] papers in train. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Tel. [illegible] A. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Whitehall. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] at [illegible] Tel. [illegible] A. [illegible] watching in [illegible] [illegible] last night - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at all. [illegible] Garrick. To [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] closed. To [illegible] & bought [illegible] [illegible], but no [illegible] [illegible] letters. Signed bills. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 5.30. [illegible] [illegible]. Mr. Mathias at 6. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], upset by last night's [illegible] in London. [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. G. [illegible] about her play [illegible] well. Dressed for dinner. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22

Mrs S. turned on my light at
8.40 – Just finished my S. full
beginning in Jung re Gilbert.
my return. Called Quinny morning
w/ letter to Jonathan re Steward
replying to his letter from Sidney
after discussion. Finished first
draft Drummond. Chatted to Tony
about Drummond generally
– with Dr. Conner. Got to
Commons at 1 Salmonds. Talk.
S[illegible] with my lecturing
[illegible]. Lunched A. at
Claridges. Talk about trade and
[illegible] on life etc. of 10
Downing Street, and [illegible]
on Sunday about [illegible]
and Saint Park. Call for
Sitting Ferguson. Deliver up
copy for [illegible] editor [illegible]
[illegible] III & IV. Home 5.30
[illegible] day. [illegible]
prepared for special [illegible]
[illegible] feeling [illegible]
speech – very [illegible] in matters
[illegible] even [illegible] in language.
To bed 11.15.

12-1 midnight & early
morning. [illegible] and
plane. [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible]
usual [illegible] and w. [illegible]
for [illegible] E. [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] E. [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
W. [illegible] about
[illegible] [illegible] also
[illegible] [illegible]
Talk [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible] meet [illegible]
[illegible]. Called for A. at Am.
Embassy [illegible] in her
black coat & [illegible] hat &
muff [illegible]
[illegible]. Picked up G. at the club
[illegible] to Soviet Embassy. Gen.
Eisenhower, Gen. Montgomery, Sir [illegible]
[illegible], Sir S. Cripps, Sir W. Jowitt, [illegible]
[illegible] Eden, Mr Eden,
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible].
[illegible] by [illegible], but [illegible]

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24 (?)

Lovely clear very cold morning. Heavy
frost on ground & trees & hedges. 1
[illegible] a Daisy 3 letters in train.
Another raid on London. Same
exactly like autumn 1940.
Bombs on lines and cracked
windows as [illegible] lot.
To Camp [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] that they had [illegible].
Call fr. André Mickhelsen &
lent him £50. Call fr A. Tripp (?)
[illegible]. Mrs Tar. A. [illegible].
This [illegible] is [illegible]
up. She was caught at the
[illegible] Club [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the
[illegible] Christie. Expected to
[illegible] [illegible] for Sunday.
Mr West had call fr. Davies who
used to be W.E. [illegible] now in
Air Force. [illegible] writes she thinks
[illegible] escaped and was not sent
to Germany. Home 5-30. People
[illegible] from all parts of [illegible] London
[illegible] [illegible] in all their districts
[illegible] for Fire duty but not [illegible]
[illegible]. After dinner listened to
music and read papers. 1
bed at 12 o'C. No [illegible]

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25

As no heat [illegible], did not get up till after 5. Tel. Ellery about prospect of coal. Summer supply running out this morning and water hot by 11. E. tel: A[illegible] get right [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Read New Statesman: Criticism Churchill's monarchic intrigues in Italy and Jugo Slavia. Out to [illegible] Everything [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Charley place [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. Rough [illegible] [illegible] Street [illegible] caught [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. W. [illegible] of Maurice [illegible] to take John Burke's place. E. & I [illegible] along. Talked [illegible] Congress [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] etc. E. up to [illegible]. [illegible] chair by fire [illegible] [illegible] at 4 [illegible] [illegible]. Tea & [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. Examined Diamond's essay [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible]. Bath & ex. Sherry & [illegible] dinner. [illegible] out by fire feeling catarrhy. [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] on my [illegible]

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26

Took 1 aspirin last night & slept well. Woke at 7 o'cl and up 7.45. Eric's Greekmas. 7 drafts from 13 collars and d. ... England last night. Finished breakfast late. Down to gum for money and stamps and posted letter & 6/- for oatmeal. Talked to Crowhurst about screen for fire and brought back pair of shirt iron. Talked to Mrs Cuspuchi about path & gate, 3 ... Made up envelopes and paid ... Told ... playing about ... spider in wall for ... to ... letters ... place. Decided ... letter to put ... on German wall. Stamped insurance cards. E. saw Mrs ... about billeting Margolittas in some other place. Found ... Edy to keep. After lunch spent afternoon ... Diary Essays selected by ... in after tea. At 7 o'c. up for bath & ... B... and A. had arrived when I came down. Made drinks of ... and ... A & B seem ... happy as A at least. After dinner E ... ... and kept ... from

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27

up 7 o'c. washed hair and
long bath ex. Breakfast 9.15
wound clocks. Read papers.
interesting article on Madame
Kollontay 72 year old Soviet
ambassador in Sweden. Old
regime aristocrat revolutionary.
A. & Brian breakfast in bed.
to church. Mrs K. spoke of
finding another billet for E. I gather
Mummy's photograph of Tatiana
Wait on [illegible] for E. Brian
& A. [illegible] for [illegible]. A. [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] spider.
After dinner finished [illegible] to
Diamonds articles. Washed the
lawn and took dandelions [illegible] my
geese. Getting violets [illegible] of
spring [illegible]. Fed the [illegible] at
through. Picked [illegible] [illegible] for
for E. A. & B. weighed [illegible].
Diddy happy. Ate tea alone.
Depressed & [illegible] weakness. Mixed
extracts & spices for drinks before
dinner. After dinner [illegible] sat
on my knee and prevented me
from doing anything or going
to bed. When I finally went B. [illegible]
came in and I heard him talking

MONDAY FEBRUARY 28

A. & Brian off by 7 o'c train. I spoke w. Chaffey about various work. Ground is getting frozen hard. Rested in train till Dorking when Bev. joined me in my compt. seat & Dr Salis fr. Swiss embassy [illegible] stood beside us talking in [illegible] way. Cleared my desk & action after. Lunch [illegible] talk to [illegible] Dickson and then w [illegible] and [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in stock. But [illegible] and me [illegible] coat [illegible] [illegible] Signed letters. [illegible] [illegible] to get [illegible] [illegible] home 8.30. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] brought home [illegible] friend [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 29

Mrs S. turned on my light at 6.45. Evelyn E. up to London in opp. compt unit. Morning routine at office and worked on Royal Newmarket. Letter fr. Will about remittances fr. America. Lunch 1.0. Called Midland Bank, considerably blacked, and saw Mr Snider and arranged for transfer of capital sum to Wilton to use. Spent most afternoon working on amendments and Question on amounts of the wealth off last years profits for plant etc. Very cold, sunny day. No under clothes which I found a good deal like [illegible] perplexity cold chances but probably healthy and dressing(?) from 5.30. Talked to Roger Phillips from P'boro', is going to work on S. Ruffle's farm until he is called up, and after war go to an Agricultural College. Very cold but dry and clear. Agnes Bishop came to dinner started with an [illegible]. G. has letter from Eleanora. Barbara has had another operation seems generally delicate. Wash up floor of green room with difficulty but in the end successfully. W. 3 to clock for Mr [illegible]'s Cox's Empire Album. Read papers.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

up 6.45. Took Jean up to
Dentist Clinic. W. Cohen on
the train and gave Miss
G. D. copy. Meghan [illegible]
him with Mr Goldstein
about Accounts and about
Am. Treasury Damages
Claim. Luncheon Mrs. Fox
Philip & Anne. Talked to
Philip about fog-selling
evening by Stephen Spender
by "Cambridge." [illegible]
Who is Queen; luncheon
tomorrow Wed. Alex.
asked Mr Mennen to have
luncheon with me. W.
[illegible] Biddle. W. Cleveland
asking him to luncheon.
Mr Dobson says that Mr
Hames is leaving because
he does not like Miss Meud.
and will not take orders
from her. 5.30 train home
met Jean & Mrs Margarette
at Victoria. Mrs M. says that
Peggy wants to get [illegible] for
[illegible] & work [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs Pearson. [illegible]
[illegible] America, a [illegible]
[illegible] Barnes [illegible]

[illegible]

THURSDAY MARCH 2

Cold sunny morning. G. & I
up to London. I started
walking but got into Taxi
when G. stopped for me. Betty
Mathews at Station going up to
W. letter to Applegarth in [illegible]
G. taxi to hair-dresser &
dropped me in Piccadilly.
Morning routine. Talk Haines
who is leaving because he
feels not like taking orders
from a woman - Mrs Mead
[illegible] & Carpenter who
has promised to pay 13 a
week to Short. Lunch Mr.
[illegible] [illegible]. He
stayed so long that he could
not go to [illegible] & [illegible] wh.
was [illegible] point of the
evening. [illegible] article for
Royal N [illegible] to
[illegible]. Talk Mr West
about [illegible] when he
brought one & [illegible] N. by
[illegible] by someone w.
[illegible]. Home 5:30 w. C.
Met Betty at C. [illegible]
changed [illegible] her [illegible]
in [illegible]. [illegible] before dinner
[illegible] accounts.

G. had lunch w. C. at [illegible]

FRIDAY MARCH 3

up lat. no bath. Lovely early
Sunny day. Breakfast at 9. C.
9.45 C. and I to see Bessie. Nice
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]:
[illegible]. F. [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a piece out
of my finger. W. [illegible]. to
W. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] my
[illegible]. Started work on
[illegible] [illegible] portraits [illegible] by
[illegible]. W. p. e. to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. After lunch [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] copy, all
afternoon. Stopped for [illegible]
then [illegible] [illegible] and looked
at [illegible] and gathered some
[illegible] branches of wild cherry
[illegible] [illegible] trees for C. [illegible]
at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] is dead. [illegible]
[illegible] up [illegible] in black
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 1st
aid post. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] room. Bath - [illegible]
[illegible] at dinner. After
dinner. Read paper. [illegible] [illegible]
tel. [illegible] Alfred's [illegible] coming [illegible]
[illegible]. Bessie to [illegible] [illegible]!

SATURDAY MARCH 4

Cold and sunny. Up 7.30. Paid for A. from Jerusalem marked "urgent". Mrs Sculthorp announces no coal, no hot water. Worked on returns in comp. tax deduction. Down to garage and got money & stamps. Spoke to Cromwell about fence along old beech hedge. Made up pay envelopes and paid men. C. [illegible] did [illegible] come today. Got grocery books [illegible] checking and [illegible] them. After lunch out with Jack Bonnell & Morris finishing pruning [illegible] on lawn. Back to cottage [illegible] badly. Jack thinks Pearson's [illegible] might like Peggy Margaretta as land girl. To Dr. Maher [illegible] about Civil Defence work. Called Mrs Parker about Humphrey's possible exemption. Tested gas masks. After tea out to [illegible] and cut up green branches to [illegible] mixture of coke in boiler. Coal situation serious. Brought in [illegible] and sack of chips. Made cocktails before dinner. [illegible] and [illegible] after dinner. Read papers Times & News [illegible]

SUNDAY MARCH 5

up 8.30 Ceille came up
with Woodward & stayed
on my bed. Breakfast w. C.
at 10 o'c. Tel. Mrs Pearson
about Peggy Margarita who
wants to get a [illegible]-girl.
Talked to Penny telephone operator
about job. Sawed grey
linen into strips like
cloth for Mrs Scarling.
After lunch, tel. Fred [illegible]
tried him but could not
get up [illegible] room for
let at first. He will
suggested that it might be
common cloud. Picked
& swept up chips & carried
& piled them up in garage for
kitchen use. Put stirrup
pump equipment in order
and brought sand & sand
bag into porch. Tea and
then wound clocks. Round
village inspecting gas mask
drills before dinner. After
dinner, [illegible] papers & [illegible]

MONDAY MARCH 6

C. & I up to [illegible]. Tony(?)
[illegible] as far as [illegible].
[illegible] College [illegible]. [illegible]
came to [illegible] 8.7 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Caught Newport(?) [illegible] but he
has a rather contrary manner
which does not seem to
mean much. [illegible]
[illegible] and lighter two(?)
[illegible]. Mr. Cato copied
letters [illegible]. I [illegible]; [illegible]
[illegible]; for Margaret(?)
[illegible]. I gave her
not anything. [illegible]
gave her [illegible] feast [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
E. A. [illegible] [illegible]
very pleasant. Madeline M. [illegible]
[illegible] talk [illegible] [illegible]
office [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Dormitory(?) [illegible]
Margaret's(?) birthday [illegible] 5. [illegible] had
[illegible] [illegible]; S. [illegible]

TUESDAY MARCH 4

quiet night — when she was
prepared to go down stairs
on [illegible] Dear. up 7 o'c
and spirits at 10 o'c.
[illegible] [illegible] up grateful
for [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Alex. Spent
morning in [illegible] [illegible]
w. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
Church [illegible]. [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] C. H. C.
[illegible]. knows all our
friends. To an [illegible]
[illegible]. May do a [illegible]
for us. Went in all afternoon
writing letters [illegible] C.
[illegible]. W. [illegible] [illegible]
Back to [illegible]. [illegible]
before dinner. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] W. A. [illegible]
to dinner and we spent
evening [illegible]. [illegible] who
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] A. who
[illegible] Sir L. about a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Saw [illegible]

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8

Analysis quiet night but woke up with Dr's thought. Office 10.30 Tel A. and asked Garnett to come to dinner with her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Long talk [illegible]. Bunnie's [illegible] about the [illegible] to Amberley w. [illegible] letter [illegible] Mrs C. to copy. [illegible] [illegible] w. [illegible] [illegible] Tel. [illegible] Piddy. Felt ill and [illegible] [illegible]. Back to [illegible] & rested. Felt better & had lunch with [illegible] at [illegible]. Dined and down to [illegible] a drink [illegible] A. [illegible] [illegible] looked [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Armed [illegible] Clarke [illegible]. After [illegible] Walking [illegible] [illegible] & gave them all drinks. No game [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] 10.00. To bed by 10.30 Felt worse

THURSDAY MARCH 9

Slept until Mrs. [illegible]
at 7.15. Packed and
left at 10.30. Crowds(?)
called; says Dick Crossman
was ambitious, was said
to be pro-Nazi in Germany
had German wife changed
then was correspondent for
[illegible] & a [illegible]
to continue. Also Fr. Keeler
about his papers. Lunch
Claridges - Mrs Flower and
talked about Life of Mrs Eddy.
Called Medley about Minnie's
will. Met G. Vicars and home
by 5.30. Car left: to Jamie's,
[illegible] and found St. Bernard.
Drink before dinner. Read
papers after. [illegible] out on
day off. Fires not lit in
both [illegible] so [illegible]
[illegible] in charge by sitting
[illegible] open fire. [illegible]
has a bad cold. To bed
about 12 o'c.

FRIDAY MARCH 10

Woke [illegible] a [illegible] again and woke up [illegible]. Slept [illegible] Dreamed. Up at 8.10. Not enough hot water for proper exercises. Kept [illegible] light fire in [illegible] [illegible]. I had a little rheumatic attack. Kept things all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Sat in other room and read Brown's "[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]" all amazing [illegible] scientific [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Very cold [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] in bed all afternoon [illegible]. Windows and doors closed and electric fire on. Couldn't sleep and got up feeling congested [illegible] [illegible] Tea 5.45. Finished Brown's [illegible] very [illegible] but [illegible]. Think I must get examined by an anthropologist. W. Sir F. Keith [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Did not dress for dinner. Wasted on [illegible] [illegible] Shackleton's book.

SATURDAY MARCH 11

Sore throat practically gone. Up 8.30 Breakfast about 10.30.
Mr S. Trod made porridge with my new Scotch oatmeal. Drew 5 / 1 square for stamps & money.
Made up ... and paid ... Told C. Humphrey about distempering cottage & ordered brushes for ... Mattes Sawed little ... & wood for fuel in boiler. After lunch ... little ... electric cooker.
Boswell not here today.
Finished repairing binding of Shakespeare book. Made up list of extra expenses. Finished ... A. had not arrived.
Mrs ... called to give formal thanks for our Christmas ... Pete, Fred & Rita had come to ... goodbye. Called to see about ... ... Cut ... ... for Mrs S. Dressed and got ... ... that A. not ... ... She had ...

SUNDAY MARCH 12

After I came up to bed last night A. told G. that she wants to marry Brian but knows not [illegible] mind. G. expressing herself freely and A. was sad. G. told me [illegible] she came up at 12.30. I lay awake almost all night going over and over in my mind. [illegible] up 7.15 My bath hot but cold afterwards. Got breakfast. G. [illegible] - stricken. No health or bulk ground, no means and height, no intelligence. Wind cracks water, not hot anywhere except in gallery. Took A. a pint of hot water for her bath. G. [illegible] to ground [illegible] after [illegible] was catastrophic damage so much as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dropped after 4 years [illegible] [illegible] A. [illegible] of black [illegible] for ale; 5 pence. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letter [illegible] [illegible] G. [illegible] [illegible]. When G. came down. A. said she had called up Brian who said [illegible] not opposed they had better give it up then, he called her up [illegible] said more and she [illegible] back to London 6 am train.

Mild MONDAY MARCH 15 Cloudy

Just managed a bath before water turned cold. Spoke to Chandler who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] girl [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is my [illegible] [illegible]. W. long letter to Leonard [illegible] [illegible] for his good [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Stopped at Royal Opera Arcade and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Office [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for Melbourne [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] for D. Connell [illegible] for Wednesday lunch but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Lunch Garrick. [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] to find [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] People [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Times. Got [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] shop & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in ~~[illegible]~~ Court St. Tel Rutherford [illegible] applied to Court [illegible] to [illegible] Ellis out 2 [illegible] p.m. Tel A, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Discussed [illegible] Wednesday. Telegraphed asking Desmond [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Home early in taxi [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] talked again [illegible] A. & Brian. After dinner [illegible] [illegible]: another [illegible] copy [illegible]

TUESDAY MARCH 14

Bright weather cold [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. Sir
[illegible] letter from A.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] letter [illegible]
[illegible] Newmarket.
Lunch, [illegible]. A. Chauffeur. Saw
[illegible] A. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] letter [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. Home 3.30. Supper at
[illegible] for dinner [illegible], but
closed. After dinner read A's letter
[illegible] Bryan [illegible]
[illegible]. Sybil [illegible]
[illegible]. C. dined [illegible] Mme Curie

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15

Mr. S. called up to Camden Y. C.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Violet left alone [illegible]
[illegible] but [illegible], Cold
[illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible]; read in
[illegible] last night. Walked to [illegible]
C. [illegible] in taxi [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]; w. Coy: [illegible] is [illegible]
Car / 3 [illegible] bus: She got off at
Green Park: I stopped at
[illegible] Parris & got a [illegible]
white distemper [illegible] [illegible]
Miss C. to copy; [illegible]. D. [illegible]
[illegible] came to lunch. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] St [illegible]; [illegible]
[illegible]. Mrs. [illegible] worked on
Dearmonds Portraits. Home
5.20 [illegible]; [illegible] [illegible] 7
distemper. Met C. at Victoria and
[illegible] together; She [illegible] A
[illegible]. This morning A was
[illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] last
night. [illegible] to shelter
[illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
After dinner called out [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] to attend [illegible]

THURSDAY MARCH 16

Cold grey day. W. Millis
Sutherland in train. Got
cheque for A. Tel from
home. Tel. R.A.D.A.
about Alix. Tel. A. Brian
away & can't have luncheon
with me today. Worked on
Royal Navy [illegible] plans.
Lunch at Garrick & told Lawrence
that "Reynolds" had got some
to copy Bob Lynd's articles
in [illegible] so I could not
accept his kind offer.
Signed letters & salary cheques
Home 5.30. Now that it
is light in evening & blinds are
drawn, feel air [illegible]
wanting windows open. But
[illegible] [illegible] windows shut
& [illegible]. Lunch at [illegible]
told me I [illegible] the man at
Beecham is Brinkman.
Dinner in Country Clothes in
case I was called out. Talked
after dinner about A. Is she
a [illegible] in [illegible] mentally?

M & C [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY MARCH 17

up 8.30. No bath but C.
had water hot after visit
to Ockenden's yesterday. Out
to see Humphry [illegible] lines
finishing wall by gate at back
of yard and is [illegible]
distempering cottage. Mixed
the yellow and white into a soft
orange dull colour. It seems
cottagy and quite right but I am
afraid it is too definite. However
the woodwork is painted brown
it may tone down. Down wood
with C. & cut branches of flowering
cherry family. After lunch [illegible].
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
by fence, but no plum trees.
Out to see Humphry at work
on top room. Don't altogether
like the dull orange distemper.
C. up [illegible] and I struggled
with another copy of Quiet
Flows Don which I perfected
after a fashion. C. walk after
tea. I brought branches into
yard from [illegible] sycamores. Horatio
scratched. Drinks before dinner.
After dinner talked. C. led way to
bed early. Horatio sleeps well.

SATURDAY MARCH 18 Good hot water

up 7 0°C. Down to square to get meals & stamps and left skeleton for 1 iron Chair for wood by fire in sitting room. Made up [illegible] and paid men. C. [illegible] getting on with distempering cottage. Think it will look [illegible] when woodwork is done. [illegible] about hot water. Looked at coal & w. P.O. to [illegible] walked about a bit with [illegible]. Got [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After lunch talk. C. [illegible] went down to wood [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] there. Brought up [illegible] and got W. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to yard. Walk about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]. Then got [illegible] and cut [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cottage [illegible]. Chopped [illegible] [illegible]. A. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Went back to cutting. Vicar came along & stopped to talk. Finished 7.30. [illegible] drink of Bourbon whiskey. Evening bath & [illegible] [illegible].

SUNDAY MARCH 19[illegible]

up 7.30 Breakfast 9 o'c.
Walk hot. Hadn't clocks
up to see distemper, quite like
it. Brought cider [illegible] cottage
clock for servants' hall,
looked at paper. got out
cider. C. [illegible] & I to
Church. C. at Crowhurst
to look at cottage rooms cleaning
& make sort of record cards
[illegible] w. P. C. [illegible]
S[illegible] before luncheon. Nannie
[illegible] to come to [illegible] usual
Sunday luncheon when A. is at
home. After luncheon spent
afternoon clearing away branches
cut from sycamore trees.
[illegible] came out and sat in
[illegible], and then carried [illegible]
[illegible] twigs for me. [illegible]
[illegible] A. & G. [illegible] about our
[illegible] Before
dinner A. told G. [illegible] all wanted
[illegible] Brain of [illegible]
After dinner I asked A. to talk
[illegible] and she [illegible] her
[illegible] of [illegible] at great length.
but admitted that [illegible]

MONDAY MARCH 20

A. back to London by 8 o'c. train. Spoke to C. Humphry about distempering and patching walls. Cut nine Sunday tickets and then when I looked for it to train couldn't find it. A about at B. bus and got porter to telephone. H ask ... to look for it at ... accounts by Mme La Farge and Mrs Walpe. Porter came back & said he couldn't find ticket at ... Had to stand up in fast train all way to London. Got through ... all right but agitated. Office routine. Call for Blackadder & Nullen about ... prospects & N.S. ... claim etc. Met Skinner of ... on bus. ... Claudia and Antoinette at Bagatelle. A. all dolled up and pretty in ... and ... Back to office and call fr. Jack Squire & got M. ... to give him £25. for ... & Canadian right for ... for his poems. ... 5.30. ... ticket in my case at ... 6. ... Irish dining ... Ending ... but ... the ...

TUESDAY MARCH 21

woke 5.30 and worried about A. Up 6.45. W. Blackwood [illegible] in train about [illegible] S. Clair. Met Mrs Pearson on bus and went with her to Trafalgar Square where she got off to go to her Canteen in Nat. Gal. and I went to Westminster Bank about A's U.S.A. money for [illegible]. Called Fitzroy [illegible] for Mimi's will & sent it on to [illegible]. Talk [illegible] W. [illegible] for Mrs C. [illegible] Queen is [illegible] birthday had no official lunch so had to [illegible] lunch Mrs. I ate Chicken & [illegible] [illegible] of Shrimps & [illegible] Drafted letter to him. Tel. to Brain and rather [illegible] that the [illegible] was our [illegible] and asked him to lunch at Claridges. home 5.20. Mrs Robert Mathias at [illegible]. C's Irish woman [illegible] good [illegible] at College dinner! After dinner [illegible] in [illegible] the other copy of Dan. C. [illegible] were alone together. I asked for [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] after [illegible] C. just [illegible] [illegible]. In bed at 12.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22

Telephone bell rang at 1.30. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] Buchanan out. [illegible] [illegible] fleck and [illegible]. [illegible] 20°C and back to bed. [illegible] sun and clouds. [illegible] C. [illegible] first [illegible] told him about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Dental Clinic. W. [illegible] [illegible] Brian [illegible] [illegible] Clinic. Rain last night 1-2 [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] Roof damaged by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Brian but could not [illegible] him. [illegible] likes [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] at O.V. [illegible] and [illegible] told C. that Brian was [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] 30°C. C. [illegible] talked about A & B [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] consent to postpone.

THURSDAY MARCH 23.

walk ... going round
... ... in taxi
... Met Tomlinson. Stopped
at Hopkins ... ...
... . Office 11.30.
... & talk ...
Lunch ... A at Claridges
... ... who
had ... asking me to
... at Connaught. ... A.
... ... Blee & A.
Talk ... ...
... ... France ...
and I stayed talk ... 3.
Talk ... ... about ...
... ... News ...
... . Met C. Victoria for
6.15 train home. She had before
... ... I was ex-
hausted from ... 1/4 ... ...
... . Drink before dinner!
... papers and talked and
... to news and ... .
music after dinner. ... ...
to be at home ... for several
days after ... of last week.
What will Alfred do?

FRIDAY MARCH 24

Slept well up 8.30. Wrote to [illegible] for Betty [illegible]. Tried to telephone Freda about the Wednesday but no reply. Lovely day really warm. Looked at apples - quite a lot of Bramley Seedlings left. [illegible] here two and Ellie's [illegible] superficial very bad. G. at [illegible] Cottage Humphrey [illegible] as well walked about [illegible]. G. in sun. W. Freda and S.B. about Wednesday. Walked about wi. G. [illegible] and N. garden. S.B. picked daffodils [illegible] below there. She had [illegible] to the [illegible] who [illegible] out [illegible] that she did not [illegible]. Tea Cottage. Lunch and [illegible] supper. G. about snow - [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible]. [illegible] for [illegible] Cottage [illegible] work. Read Desmond's articles. W. draft letter to [illegible]. Tea and G. [illegible] talked about Brian's disabilities. Worked on [illegible] damage [illegible] Bath [illegible]. [illegible] Read paper and [illegible] [illegible]. Up to bed [illegible] after [illegible] when I was called [illegible] next morning. [illegible] out 11.30

SATURDAY MARCH 25

At Report Post till 1.15. [illegible]
Saw Smith. Dally[illegible]
Mr Tomlinson and Mr Stone[illegible]
cutting from her window. F.
came later & in his police car
had been [illegible] town by [illegible]
his [illegible] that he brought
heard [illegible], up 8.30. C. came
me and showed me letter from
Alfredo[?] who says that [illegible]
Brian will be married in
St Faith's Chapel. Westminster
Abbey on Friday. At break[fast]
letter from Brian [illegible]
confirming plan. I have no altern[ative]
decided to say we would not [illegible]
[illegible] hope of stopping it.
[illegible] for [illegible] and
[illegible]. [illegible]. C. & Chair
[illegible] to help move
furniture in cottage. After
[illegible]
[illegible] tea. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] C. about [illegible]. I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] after tea [illegible]

SUNDAY MARCH 26

Woke 4.30 agonized over Africa
Planning & [illegible] Canon Hillier[?]
as a last hope. Up 7.45
Bath warm enough for me but
not for C. at 9. Breakfast
together and Church in very
great trouble. Walked about
Church yard looking at graves
after lunch I glued and [illegible] copy
of Shakespeare Dra. and finished
sample of brown paint. W. appeared
for [illegible] gone [illegible]. W. [illegible]
[illegible] had [illegible] & and I had
[illegible] a day in [illegible] his [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] days for what is [illegible]
[illegible]. Down to [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
for C. and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Tea. C. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
at church. C. & I walked about
in lovely warm sunshine.
I had [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] before [illegible]. C. [illegible] to
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] before [illegible]. [illegible]

MONDAY MARCH 27

Bright early morning but [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Lee
[illegible] Thursday [illegible] A. + B. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Hilling. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
A. + N. and brought [illegible]
[illegible]. apples. Cape [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] - [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Mary
[illegible]. [illegible] Mr. C. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Russell
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] appointment for 3.30
[illegible] about [illegible] garden
and [illegible] Mrs. Rapley [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] autumn. Signed [illegible]
Called. Hildegard [illegible] found [illegible]
arranging scarlet geraniums. 15
[illegible] - a doll [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Called. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

TUESDAY MARCH 28

Woke at 4.30 & could not sleep thinking of A. and also of A. S. [illegible] illness. G. and John could not leave me [illegible]. [illegible]. W. M. S[illegible] in train. W. [illegible] Talk for Dunstan [illegible]. grey haired eighty [illegible] woman whom I used to see in train. Office. [illegible] drafting letter for Mrs C. to copy. [illegible] [illegible] in Strand. Called at [illegible] for A's [illegible]. Dined [illegible] A. [illegible]. Afternoon signed letters and finished [illegible] in Strand. Called for [illegible] MacGibbon [illegible]. Mrs [illegible] their novel "[illegible]" Tel. A. [illegible] to do to come to [illegible] with us. Told her we would always be glad to see her. Met [illegible] and [illegible] home. [illegible] and C. [illegible] and [illegible] letter to A. [illegible] to write. She finished [illegible] half past 6. Discussed [illegible] to get [illegible] and decided that I [illegible] in London [illegible]. Came [illegible] again in [illegible] to ask [illegible] it.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29

Thought in the early morning that A. might have a successful career like Violet & Bertha Clark with a great husband, and [illegible] and others were interested. [illegible] draft letter to [illegible] with A. Talk Somerset and went about our papers [illegible] and [illegible]. Showed Somerset the letter [illegible] Blackadder about Somerset [illegible]. Lunch at the [illegible] St. In evening [illegible] talked about A.'s [illegible] in Times. Alex [illegible] A. called up and Claudia W. After lunch [illegible] talked about [illegible] for [illegible]. [illegible] articles. Night Claudia at her flat [illegible] Freda's [illegible] good [illegible] to kill off [illegible] N.Y. [illegible] flat for A. Home 8.15. [illegible] out [illegible] afternoon. [illegible] worked on letter to A. Finished 1.15

G. [illegible] against my writing [illegible]

THURSDAY MARCH 30

Cold grey morning. Slept only from
1.45 – 4.45; Decided not to go
after to Hamel's as they might feel
[illegible] [illegible] finished up the
Mac Creek. G. [illegible] [illegible]
to my [illegible]. A chap to [illegible]
announced in Times! [illegible]
together to [illegible]. She is taking
[illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]!
[illegible]; we don't [illegible] like.
[illegible] [illegible] Cat [illegible]
[illegible] Hopkins [illegible]. Cupid
a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of A.
[illegible] Mrs C.'s [illegible]. Talk
Oliphant. Fixed up Maurice's
[illegible] for Mitchell. Mrs
explained to Mrs C. about
[illegible] A.'s [illegible] and
[illegible] my letter. W. draft
letter to Margie Lewis about her
[illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Met G. at Victoria and home. [illegible]
G. and [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
for A.–B. and [illegible] [illegible]. B.
[illegible] English and a [illegible]. G.
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]. At.
[illegible] Taylor [illegible] [illegible]
G. and I alone with only [illegible]
and. Telegram from A. "Come and empty
our [illegible]." [illegible] [illegible]

Extra [illegible] letter to Molly [illegible]

MARCH 31 FRIDAY

Early morning front must have been
slight draught thro' crack in window
for woke with slight sore throat
Bath etc., 7.30 left. Walter called
for C. at 9. Mrs Sealand went
up to wedding. Searle called
about hot water system. Tel.
for Harvey Hind, Angels Carr
flowers etc. ringing up to wedding
already after last time. Ready
about to ring up. Explain hot
water system with Searle and farm
folks for burning wood. Tel. Ellen
re prospect of coke or anthracite.
Talk Humphrey about party when
work dragged down. Sat w. C.
at 11.30 during time of wedding.
Searle cutting thick & linen side
cupboard etc. Then warm cold water
Moved furniture for Humphrey to put
at window for distemper. After
lunch tel. Mrs Cook about wedding.
Mrs Messer gave her arm. Blue coat
& skirt & white Juliet cap. Report
at the day end. 3 times per in trouble.
Rested in bed. Tea. Talk to man from
Churches about plans for land belief
& progress. Showed paper contents
then lookout at gate. Naomi & Mrs S.

SATURDAY APRIL 1

Down to kitchen 5.15 and made
up fire in boiler. At nine o'c
left before bath or shaving
and cut up stumps of wood
and built up fire. Ethel gave
me a hot bath; but C. out of
temper. C. woke with cold and
sore throat. Talked to Hannie. —
Mrs. S called down her into a
promise that we never met at
wedding. Miserable all day. I
went down to Square for money
and stamps. Called at Coal. —
Jimmie about marrying. No
hint of our disapproval. Paid
men. C. triumphant getting on well
with painting cottage. I stamped cards.
After lunch, worked on "Bring in
your ear" scheme. Down to old
Bowell not here today. Spent
afternoon cutting up stumps of wood
for boiler, and kept up fire.
Tea w. C. and talked about Jimmie.
Moved tub in drive way. Cut up
wood and made bonfire on trial
Drink. Bonfire made us feel better.
Mrs S. upset about fire. Lift
down to the fire, kept until
finished. Made up fire.

SUNDAY APRIL 2

Slept [illegible] dreadfully and went
on dozing after Nurse called
at 7. O. [illegible] Mrs. S. [illegible]
[illegible] back bath and I did
not my exercises. Breakfast
10.30. [illegible] and set things
for [illegible] daylight [illegible]
Dined a [illegible] Betty. [illegible]
her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Al [illegible] told me today [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] 15 Till
and kindling. ~~after~~ after lunch [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Cut [illegible] and
sawed chunks of wood for boiler
before and after tea. Arranged with
[illegible] for me to cut clubs in
the dark. Made up fire. Drink
before dinner. O. B. felt better
& slept this afternoon and begins
to get over upset and pain of
the massage. Fed up [illegible]
[illegible]. C. reading "[illegible]
Britain" listened to [illegible]
[illegible] music and then
[illegible] an English [illegible]
Franck. Made up fire in kitchen
[illegible] [illegible]. Bed 12.15.

MONDAY APRIL 3

Slept well. Mrs S. turned on
my light at 6.45. Double
daylight saving and quite dark.
My bath [illegible] but then water
[illegible] quite cool, because Mrs S.
did not build fire high enough.
Mild moist day. Arranged [illegible]
to put up [illegible] [illegible] like
[illegible] W. Cong. [illegible] [illegible]
about [illegible] [illegible]. Q. Mast[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Trip,
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
up [illegible] [illegible] among
papers and [illegible] [illegible] for
M. F. [illegible] who [illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
St. Working all afternoon on
D[illegible] do [illegible]. Rain
when I came home. Slept to
[illegible] and then started to write
summary of A's affair. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] talked
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] about A. [illegible] [illegible]
up [illegible] [illegible] bills. [illegible] [illegible].

TUESDAY APRIL 4

Up 6 A.M. and made apple
[illegible] and had [illegible]
C. thought it was [illegible]
go up to London [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] got up and
came and [illegible]
[illegible] fine. She and I [illegible]
Smith and 3 [illegible] 6.9 [illegible]
[illegible] 3. [illegible]
and Maitland. Back [illegible]
a good [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] A. [illegible] and got A. [illegible]
there [illegible]
[illegible] Carrington [illegible]
[illegible] in street. Talk
[illegible] Cuffed about
it. Tel Mrs F [illegible]
Mrs [illegible] book. [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] thanks [illegible]
[illegible] home 6.15 [illegible] C.
[illegible] with [illegible]
who was sympathetic but [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] before
[illegible]. C. [illegible]
[illegible], 1 [illegible].
C [illegible] about [illegible] and then

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5

Up 6.50 and made up [illegible] fire [illegible]. Mrs. S. gave [illegible] [illegible] breakfast. Had fine bath but left water running in basin for [illegible] [illegible] kept [illegible] paper [illegible] [illegible]. Still [illegible]. Left at 7.50. [illegible] eggs at station. Had forgotten about Jean but she was there and we went up together. Continued writing another 4 x 8 [illegible] to Jean 'A hospitals.' Did [illegible] and letters etc. Lunch with Zimmerer [illegible] Russell St. Pub and he showed me his antique and the modern jewellery he is making. Call [illegible] young [illegible] [illegible] script. Read obligation to [illegible] in Russian books. Then [illegible] I had no paper. Worked on Drawings [illegible] and [illegible] finished arranging them. Met Mr Margesson [illegible] at 6. and took Jean home. Made a copy of Virgin [illegible] after dinner. Started [illegible] [illegible]. (Took him [illegible]

THURSDAY APRIL 6

Down at 6.30 Boiler smoking like hell filling kitchen, but heated the bath water and cleared off in the end. Told Charley a clean chimney & big gift ~~for~~ bravely his fears. Picked stopped at Hopkins Pierre & got [illegible]. Met Tommy on a [illegible] Parkering in Battlers. Office talk. Went about making plates. Said printer and binders on having their full cut. Sent letters to sib about A's marriage and to M. Merna thanking him for standing by him at wedding. Talk is mostly about paper & figures. Home on Garrick [illegible] Hall. Says nine R.K. plan for H.P.G. would do but. M. West went home early going to [illegible] for Easter. Also Tokely home early. Victor Town in Air Cadet uniform — went on his 3rd flight in A.K. Home 5.4.

Charley has got 2 bantam hens for my given eggs. He swept kitchen chimney and boiler drawing well. After dinner read paper. Churchill

[illegible] [right margin, vertical]

FRIDAY APRIL 7

up 8.30. Plenty of hot-water.
Spent morning working on
Diamond's book. Went on
after lunch till G. came down
and then we went out and
walked about place. Sunny
day and garden full of spring
flowers. Back for tea and &
then I went to [illegible] and
made 2 [illegible] for her reading
[illegible]. Slept [illegible] &
before dinner. Woodward up
today better of her cold after
2 days in bed. After dinner read
long letter that G. has written
to Calman about Hepburn:
marriage, telling everything ex-
cept that B. [illegible] engagement
and was ready a week before
wedding to call it off or at
least to postpone it. G. reading
Scott's Bride of Lammermoor which
she has long wanted to read, but
thinks very bad. Victoria [illegible]
German music all the evening.
No paper coming to G and Friday.
G. is getting much better, happier.
Almost [illegible] interest in her garden.

SATURDAY APRIL 8

up 8.45. C. furious over a threatening letter from [illegible] Certainly most tactless and offensive. We both had hot baths. I had nice letter from Alfreda at Ambleside coming back at end of the week — probably to-day. drafted a brief reply to [illegible]. merely expressing appreciation of Parker's loyalty to Alfreda's wishes. She had planned before she knew her ~~[illegible]~~ had lots to [illegible] her wedding. Down to [illegible] and got money and stamps from [illegible] and arranged for [illegible] work next week. Met [illegible] wi. Kettie whom I had just left after breakfast [illegible] met [illegible] to C. C. had telephone talk wi. Margaret [illegible] who had called up [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] her [illegible] [illegible] Elizabeth had [illegible] [illegible]. Spent afternoon [illegible] wi. Kettie [illegible] you can [illegible] [illegible] down [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] I dug dandelions [illegible] and [illegible] daffodils. After tea [illegible] [illegible] my black coat [illegible] [illegible]

SUNDAY APRIL 9

up 8.30. Hot bath again.
Breakfast 10 o'c in [illegible]. G. We
are not doing well in Burma,
and General MacArthur is doing
well in Pacific. Ad. L. Mountbatten
being criticised in America.
Wound clocks. To Church. Put
[illegible] into plate and redeemed it
after service. Vicar preached and
[illegible] Vicar's morning prayers but
had an assistant for the
Communion service. Light rain
in morning clearing in afternoon.
[illegible] draft letter to [illegible] before
luncheon and copies of [illegible]
invited her and [illegible] to dinner
this week. Worked on Drummond
Contents in the afternoon. [illegible]
G. came down after 4 o'c. Then
went to look at garden [illegible]
[illegible]. After tea wrote up
Drummond and again after
dinner till midnight.
4 T. Tea and dinner G and I
talked of A.'s marriage [illegible]
arranged [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Harold Nicolson for [illegible].

MONDAY APRIL 10

up 8.45 I had hot bath but 3/3 was poor. After breakfast settled down to read Jeph Mac C's novel. Good. Before lunch went down to front and cut elm branches for vase in hall for C. Viola came to tea there bringing Christmas eggs and oranges. Mrs Myers' sudden death announced in Times. Sent telegram to Elsie offering to come if I could help. Talked [illegible] to Viola. Cut short [illegible] and. Cat got cream & chicken out of [illegible] cupboard. After lunch worked all afternoon. D[illegible] back. [illegible] wood with C. and picked daffodils. Finished [illegible] book after tea. [illegible] cocktail. C and I talked over A's marriage [illegible] for her own sake. She had married into a nice English family, & what a pleasure to us. After dinner listened to account of fall of Odessa. Read papers, listened to wireless music. Talked always of A's marriage

TUESDAY. APRIL 11

Cool grey morning. Spoke to
Henry Price about [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] paint.
Worked at Dickens in train and
re. draft letter to [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
5 in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
makes a handsome cost for
[illegible], but [illegible] [illegible]. Dr. [illegible]
[illegible]. Albert Brown at
Buckingham. Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]. Sent
[illegible] copy of [illegible]. W[illegible]
Stanley Skinner. Lunch [illegible]
Clay. Cut sample of [illegible]
ladies cover material at Burnett's
Met Zimmers and gave him bits
of agate and onyx and three old
[illegible]-agate [illegible] for him to
make into buttons. Talk
Went back from [illegible]. Talk
Somerset about Greece. Tel. A
very busy getting into new flat but
[illegible] she and Brian [illegible] come to
lunch Thursday. Home 6.30. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] paint. [illegible] [illegible]

WEDNESDAY. APRIL 12

Letter from Ernie Myers. His left letter of direction. Then [illegible] I must have [illegible] [illegible]. Letter of [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible] C. [illegible] + C. [illegible] up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] letter [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] father. [illegible] up his [illegible] has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. A. [illegible] [illegible] Father Anne. Call [illegible] Mr Sams and discussed [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] Claims. [illegible] [illegible] Miss Margaret and C. [illegible] sympathy [illegible] us. about A. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] called up. [illegible] says [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] myself. O.T.L.A. [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible]. Home [illegible] 5.30. Small drink. After dinner mended copies of Virgin Soil.

THURSDAY APRIL 13

Talk Humphrey about print.
Lunch with [illegible] morning. to
Cathcart on train. Tel. A. from to
Change Kitten books. Chat [illegible]
Lunch. Call for Moore. to
[illegible] & [illegible]. E. [illegible]
called me up to say that she had
a letter from C. saying that she
wanted Peter but not Dick.
E. wants Peter too. Mimi wants
to [illegible] Dick up in some hostel
or some such place and to
[illegible] a school for Peter.
Lunch [illegible]. Mimi at [illegible]
W. letter for Mrs. C. to copy.
W. Leslie Hartley and left letter
for him to read. Tomorrow. 5.30
home. Again [illegible] I left [illegible]
at [illegible] dinner [illegible]
Mrs. Pitt and young Mr. Pitt in
train. Chris [illegible] at [illegible]
speaking of A's marriage. Talk
to E. about Mimi. After dinner
[illegible] of [illegible] Russian [illegible]
[illegible]. Read papers. Read letters
from Bruin & Frank. Bed 11.15

FRIDAY APRIL 14

Lovely April day. Up 8.30 and bath first. Then down and watched bathers, so that I find a decent bath. After breakfast over to see Humphrey and get him started on bright colour for frame. Talk to me about smoking wood — each to do ½ hour a day. To Black House and get all. Talk Dillymater about cooling us in fine fettle. We'll come next Friday. Call over for practice 6.30 today to Mrs Scott Maud Peters + Miss McElhan. [illegible] lunch. Shall see let Nemi go to A. [illegible]. Spent the afternoon getting things ready for own summer program. [illegible] [illegible] I decided not to let Nemi spend part of every week with A. [illegible] the position of [illegible] go [illegible] [illegible] Drill in light with Mrs S. Maud Peters + Miss McElhan. Drinks before dinner. Read papers [illegible]

SATURDAY APRIL 15

Bath water hot for me at 7 and for Q. at 9. Mr Mates brought 2 new saws. Took stirrup pump rest in recess back to Buckman. Got many stamps and paid men. Stamped cards. Paid bills. Tel. [illegible] also [illegible] about [illegible] de Brant. [illegible] getting on my painting [illegible]. [illegible] Open [illegible] painting [illegible] [illegible]. After lunch down [illegible] [illegible] back at [illegible] with Maggie. Got him to tighten wire on [illegible]. [illegible] Mrs Casper about [illegible] for [illegible]. Started letter to [illegible] who has written to me about the Brant children. Q. & I tea. Dozed a bit by fire. Then out [illegible] for ½ hour. [illegible] drinks. [illegible] back with depressing account of A's man with [illegible]. [illegible] shelter [illegible] little furniture [illegible] clean. But A. [illegible] [illegible] After [illegible] talk. Q. bitterly [illegible] about A. Read paper. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Up 7.30. Bath in C's bath room & liked it. Not a plentiful C. found stone in one bath room. Breakfast together 9.15. Wound clocks. Spent morning reading Jean Mac G's novel and slept rather [illegible]. After lunch went on [illegible] novel and finished it at 3.30. Then [illegible] word & chants till 5. Tea. C had been writing [illegible] Watts [illegible] about A. Evelyn called with [illegible] [illegible] book for A. Talked about marriage. M. Dally [illegible] called to [illegible] me about five times [illegible]. Drink before dinner. News & music and talking about A. Tel. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] till [illegible]. Packed and [illegible] fire [illegible] off [illegible] [illegible] to bed till 12.45. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

MONDAY APRIL 17

[illegible]

[illegible]
office for R. Walker re. Wat[illegible]
about cost & profit per
cent of paper. Called Mr Poulter
of Lawrence and Wishart and
got his agreement to release
the firm of any further
obligation to Ruth or Sheldon
in consideration of payment
of £500. Worked preparing
Wray list of Books in Stock.
Lunch Alpha Classic. She
was dignified and received with
more assurance and more
care of her appearance. She left
first and spoke to Alfred first [illegible]
[illegible] party. I followed
after paying bill and spoke to
Alfred [illegible]. C. having luncheon
with Cathie Wyndham & J. T. [illegible]
Called at Mrs. Cate's and took [illegible]
her coat wh. her friends does not
advise doing [illegible]. Called [illegible]
[illegible] about scheme for Peter.
[illegible] Clifford Smith, C. called up [illegible]
[illegible] C. Wyndham [illegible]
[illegible] talked [illegible]. Found C. at
[illegible] [illegible]. C. [illegible]

[illegible]

WEDESDAY APRIL 19

Libely Air-raid 1-2 A.M. Watched rocket guns & a stars fr. window Scenatedant! To office for five ~~minutes~~ and then to Oxford for Paddington. W. draft letter to Jean MacE. Spent hr and luncheon and talk w/ Elsie Myers. Wonderfully and un-naturally loyal to Leo in his decision to kill himself. She has disturbed depth on nerves working on great line left-overs and poems. She en-joyed talking to me. I could see that. Showed me portrait drawing by Will and Michael Rothenstein, former bad, latter good in a jumping way. She spoke of him with complete acceptance and sympathy. She knows it all and tells. Showed her copies of letters to him. Back to Dunstable. Dinner a drink and Dance. Class. C. Sib. Vicarette, Vicar, Sibyl! Gilmour, Sir C. Clerk, K. Elliott, Lady Hartley who stayed with us after. Through all walking before Gen.

THURSDAY APRIL 20

Breakfast up 7.0'C. Packed. Talked Beveridge in lift with Hand [illegible] ... going over in Sydney and meet new [illegible] for [illegible]. Stopped at Dawson Pannet for plant, and [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] book [illegible]. Talk Mr. Wheat about [illegible] spanning [illegible] sent [illegible] they [illegible] books for [illegible]. Call for Mimi & [illegible] and got address of the Bath dealer D. Murray Slaughter for [illegible] We met H.E. at [illegible] & had luncheon together. Elizabeth & Michael [illegible] there & talked to us. Took Mimi home in taxi & looked up address of N. Brown. [illegible] about my office. Back to office. Signed letters etc. W. [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] for Peter. Met E. 6.15 and home. Drunk before dinner all kinds of jobs all evening, [illegible] [illegible] Chesterton [illegible] called [illegible]. Bed [illegible] about after 12.

FRIDAY APRIL 21

Ambulance. Failure of bath water. Nothing for C. Over to see Humphry. Stephens re. [illegible]. Gave him paint etc. Saw Charley about cutting wood for coal substitute. No [illegible]. Called up Peel & Wilson about coffee. Think it will be all right. Looked at coal supply & tel. [illegible]. Brought the last lot of supplies about 5 or 6 pounds of Bramley Seedling. New boy Maurice Ruff at work to be started on Monday. And then taken down to C. Humphries at 11. To Tatti cottage to talk [illegible] about time of drill to [illegible]. Saw [illegible] S. C. had [illegible] turned on at luncheon and [illegible] talking. To see Humphries after lunch [illegible] feeling better. Finished letter to [illegible]. Paid bills etc. Sawed wood for 3/4 hour. Tea. Prepared for fire drill. Volleyball [illegible] at the drills till 7.30. Dinner late. Read papers & played with [illegible]. [illegible]

SATURDAY APRIL 22

up. 70°c. Down & built up fire had a good bath. Myself ... could not get ... has for C., so brought up pails ... ... remain ... Get Charles to come ... look at it. Down to ... for money & stamps. Made up ... & paid ... Humphrey ... all right again. ... down ... Called Mrs Caspari about her agreement for path. Tel. ... about ... After lunch gathered ... ... for Mrs Smith's funeral. C & I dressed in black & went to Church. ... ... about ... ... Made up wages ... Peter ... arrived and we cut out dead wood from ... Tea and ... ... to play with boat on pond. Mr Caspari called to sign paper about path and ... returned ... ...

SUNDAY APRIL 23

Made up fire in boiler when I went to bed at 12.30. Water warm for my bath at 8 and C's at 9. Bit [illegible] Scotland [illegible] because I interfere [illegible]. Spoke to Charlie about Peter. He was picking out chords & tunes on piano and then went over to play with boat. I gave him haversacks & rudder. W. Oglethorpe [illegible] him [illegible] afternoon for [illegible]. Worked in Regent [illegible] market. Took Peter to Castle for lunch. To Black Horse and [illegible] but could not get any cider. [illegible] for [illegible] & Evelyn who came to [illegible]. [illegible] talked about A. Worked in [illegible] all afternoon. After [illegible] [illegible] for Peter [illegible] Connected Peter w. [illegible]. After dinner Peter [illegible] electric gadgets. [illegible] Mum [illegible] & Alex [illegible] to be [illegible] at 10 [illegible].

MONDAY APRIL 24

Cool grey morning & turning
bright and warm all morning.
Slept in train to Dayton(?). [illegible]
asked for Margaret Bridge(?).
[illegible] by luck she was on train
[illegible]. Talked to her all
the way to London and got
[illegible] about Margaret(?)
and A.C. Schools. Met Mrs Kay
Calvert & little girl on way to
Kew(?). Hair cut Burgess. [illegible]
[illegible] 3 old baubles [illegible] died
Offices. W. Mrs [illegible] about
W.C.S. Tel. A. Tel. [illegible]
said also had made appoint-
ment for 10.30. Lunch at [illegible]
Russell St. Called Strauss about
M. Burns boats and went
to [illegible]. Worked on Report N.
[illegible] Tel. Brighton. Home 5.30
Slept most of way to [illegible]boro.
Told Anderson. Asked [illegible]
for onions & cauliflower [illegible]
[illegible] Peters [illegible] had come to
[illegible]. He left 4.30. After
dinner [illegible] Virgil [illegible]

TUESDAY APRIL 25

C. [illegible] letter fr. [illegible]. Sorry
[illegible] and [illegible] "If to
[illegible] to Constancy" [illegible]. Took
[illegible], [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] A. Mania [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]. Rested
my eyes rest of way. Mania's
[illegible]. Lunch [illegible] with
A. Talk [illegible] Dad [illegible]
[illegible] was [illegible]. Bad
and others [illegible]
[illegible] A. thought [illegible]
[illegible]. Then A. [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible] 0.0 [illegible]
she had left in a [illegible] book. She
[illegible] to have [illegible]
had forgotten it. Back to office
and then went [illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible] about
[illegible] and this [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] want to
[illegible] for [illegible] 100. Back to office. [illegible]
A. also asked her to keep [illegible]
supper tonight as [illegible] Myra [illegible]
[illegible] last night with Peter alone

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26

[illegible] out [illegible] 12-1
[illegible] to Humphreys about [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] to let [illegible]
to [illegible] the 2 light [illegible]
[illegible]. Doped [illegible]
[illegible] Bought [illegible] Vialto
[illegible] Station. To back in [illegible]
[illegible] Mr. [illegible] and after
[illegible]. Tel
[illegible] A. [illegible] a hotel
[illegible] Alix. Saw
[illegible] and Petty [illegible]
and gave [illegible] Vialto.
To [illegible] to tell [illegible]
[illegible] left
[illegible] 38 [illegible]
A. [illegible] Miss [illegible]. Dressed [illegible]
[illegible] Alix. [illegible] flat [illegible]
that [illegible] had [illegible]
[illegible] bath room. [illegible]
[illegible]. Lunch. [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs Flower about [illegible]
Call [illegible] Tel [illegible]
[illegible] Mr Watt [illegible]
5.30 [illegible] arrange [illegible]
my [illegible]. Went straight [illegible]
ready for dinner [illegible]
about my [illegible] dinner.
After dinner talked kindly of A.

THURSDAY APRIL 27

Tel. Searle not to come tomorrow
as hot water system working better.
Said he would come Saturday as he
thought he could improve on [illegible].
Rainy day. Walked to station. E.
fetched in taxi. Rested in train.
38 Bus. E. got out at Berkeley
street for permanent wave.
Some one telephoned to office, an
Englishman [illegible] and asked for me.
Said she had been out 15 [illegible]
for 4 years. Lunch. [illegible] St.
Saw Keither about his exemption
[illegible] went to Employment
Exchange about his work
and bad [illegible]. Gave [illegible]
papers for [illegible] when
he calls tomorrow. Went
to R.A.D.A. [illegible]. Alix and
[illegible] Mrs Copland [illegible] very
pleasant and encouraging. Gave
Alix £2.2.0 for [illegible].
Signed [illegible]. Rainy [illegible]
evening. Met E. Victoria and
home 6.30. Drink before
dinner. Called up Fox who
said it was all right to
have Alix. Long [illegible]
[illegible] and I was [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]

FRIDAY APRIL 28

Up 8 o'c. C— had hot baths for C. & me. Once Dan [illegible] & found he is getting a pension & [illegible] quite good. Tel. Mrs Hickman and asked Major D. lunch. Cool cloudy day. Worked all A.M. on Rafael Newmarket, using Diffner's checkers. C's lunch [illegible]. Mrs [illegible] on Diana Bianchelli and Patricia Coffin. Very pleasant. Arthur [illegible] to lunch. Told me and it went well. After he left I settled down to Newmarket again and finished before tea. After tea C. [illegible] had [illegible] drill and [illegible] patterns: Mrs Seaford, Mrs Peter & Major Mitcham; Drink before dinner. After dinner [illegible] Gorman [illegible]. Made another copy of [illegible]. C. reading Telegraph. C. [illegible] in chair. Very pleasant. [illegible] bed and a big [illegible] but I [illegible] called out.

SATURDAY APRIL 29

Awaken in night. Up 8 o'c.
Good bath. Mr Beach called
and we discussed our
heater system after war.
Out [illegible] and stamps. Flag
out in village for Salute to
Soldier week. Paid away. Stamped
books. Started letter to Mom.
After lunch put out flags. Tel
fr. Alix [illegible] the day out
[illegible] Cambridge [illegible] staying at
[illegible] tonight. [illegible]
[illegible]. Cut apple blossoms in
[illegible]. Finished letter to Mom
[illegible] his News. W. draft [illegible]
[illegible] N. stories about [illegible].
Alix arrived [illegible], returning her
[illegible]. Tea. G. & B. [illegible]
[illegible] for cottage & flat. Got
out [illegible] & glue [illegible]
[illegible] at Mr [illegible]
Drinks before dinner. W. V. [illegible]
News. Then Alix played gramophone
in N. room and I did my papers
accounts. Bright moon light
night.

SUNDAY APRIL 30

up 8 o'c. Wound clocks.
Mrs Phillips telephoned and asked
Alix to come to see them this
afternoon. She might go to walk
with Roger and then come
back for tea. I went to church
lovely warm spring day. Walked
in [illegible] [illegible]. Alix drop-
ping in [illegible] in front. After
dinner I cut moustache etc.
on the [illegible] of my [illegible] and
C. to rest after making Alix
up with rouge and lip-stick.
at 3 o'c I took her down
to Phillipses where she
seemed to click with Roger.
worked on Mr. Flower [illegible]
[illegible] & Mr [illegible]. C. after tea
cleaned dust out of garage
that had been [illegible] off to [illegible] to
[illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
saved a [illegible] [illegible] 2 [illegible] [illegible]
Alix had [illegible] tea with Roger
and then helped Ann at [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. After dinner W. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] C. to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY MAY 1 1944

Alice & [illegible] early to help with Coats. Anne & Fay off to Camden Lunch with me. W. draft letter to Queensland Stewart. Anne out for me & Nanni in holiday. Asked her about our big flags. To Church and arranged to [illegible] war savings certificate. for Kimberly Sabah for Sydney week office. Call from Dr. Pazley about Illegal Newspaper . Lunch with Russell St. Pub. To Henry Smith & went into flat [illegible]. young Mr Smith worked in [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] room to Cabinet & [illegible] paint. Talked to Ceres [illegible] Green. Back to office & wrote letter for Father to send Employment Exchange. Home 5-30 Nearly slept thro' [illegible]. Lovely afternoon & evening. After dinner read paper. Started April Kimberly accounts

TUESDAY MAY 12

Carl funeral morning. Letter fr. Fennell. He is getting a divorce because Sally will not live in [illegible] and she has found someone else. Saw Margaret Burns in train and she gave me the impression that Dwight was really a better school than U.C.S. and I think I will try to get Peter into former. Stopped again at bank to deliver C.S. application for Savings Certificate. Office early. Mrs Flowers and [illegible] over. Mrs [illegible] prof. with her must not be trained in a profession of [illegible] Science. Lunch Garrick. Stopped at Hopkins [illegible] for [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. A.t arranged to [illegible] Thursday. She said she [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] and vegetables. [illegible] [illegible] after school, [illegible] letters etc. [illegible] C.20. Did not [illegible]. [illegible] at [illegible] where I [illegible] [illegible] she [illegible]. [illegible] took my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] day. Alex [illegible] by 6.15. After dinner, [illegible] [illegible]. Nannie away — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Alix [illegible]

WEDNESDAY MAY 3

Alix heard that she had passed R.A.D.A. entrance test. Took letters up after in bed & wake up A.B. Tel [illegible] W. Mimi in [illegible] and B. sent her a telegram. I enclosed a few post photographs & myself & Mimi going [illegible] from Parties in the bus. Saw Mr. Anne at Camo Corner and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Centre [illegible]. Tel. A. about Alix's [illegible]. She [illegible] at home for the day. I don't [illegible] [illegible] of lunch with [illegible] & [illegible] walked to Regent Newmarket and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Parties. From 3.30 in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with non-stop talking 2 girls and a boy. Changed to [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] and changed to [illegible] train at [illegible]. [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible], but [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]. Alix off to Clare a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY MAY 4

Took up tulips, [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] A. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Had [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]"
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] with A. [illegible]
[illegible]. Saw Frank and [illegible]
and the [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible]. Came away [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Signed wages
[illegible]. [illegible] clock for [illegible]
[illegible] & arranged for [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] it to [illegible] [illegible] for
A. Home 5:30 in [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible].
Alix has been dressing up for B.
Times announced engagement
of Kathleen Kennedy to Hartington.
[illegible]. After dinner. Alix played
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY MAY 5

Up 7.40 Bath before shaving
begins bath. water Chance to heat
again for G. Pethrige letter from
Vimi. Staying in Bath morning home.
Worked on Maurice Raffs members
cards & then drew cheques for wages
bills & extras. Out with Tony
and got Beech branches near
the Dock home to Black Horse
with flags to decorate hall for
dance. Spoke to [illegible]
about [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible]. To Black Horse w.
G. and Black with her by Mrs.
[illegible]. Friend's week
out [illegible]. Cold windy
day. Alix is getting bad cold
to. Return for [illegible] 8. Talk [illegible]
at work in cottage. Rested in chair
by fire. Alix selling raffle tickets. Tea
G. Helped [illegible] dance [illegible] dance.
worked on [illegible] & [illegible] in [illegible]
on steering [illegible]. Alix went off looking
very ill in [illegible] & black dress [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible]. Alix

SATURDAY MAY 8

up late. C. & I breakfast at 10.0°C. Papers say Heath Kennedy wedding today. Spectator says Marks O.B.C. standing for Barnstaple. Down to office for money and stamps. Paid for stamped cards. 4 ozs. pickling hatched. Did Alix's accounts with her. After lunch, W. Cheques Made first blood [illegible] in [illegible] jumps. Worked out letters income tax & sent cheques. W. Cheques to pay bills. [illegible] [illegible] front with knees & find that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. Alix and I tea. Worked up [illegible] copies of [illegible] [illegible] - getting the knack. Drinks before dinner. Nobody has had [illegible] as [illegible] as the [illegible] and Alix [illegible] to Mrs Carpenter's [illegible] entertainment. After dinner I did black-out and brought Quilts in and then spent evening unpicking cloth from Cant. Alix had a [illegible] [illegible].

SUNDAY MAY 7

up 8 o'c. bath before shaving. G. & I and Alex breakfast at 10 o'c. Wound clocks. G. to church. W. draft letter to Drummond and Molly about Portraits 2. G. and I over to cottage to get out ticket for Alex. Bright warm day but bad frost last night that killed flowers, vegetables and fruit. G. & I luncheon alone. Alex helping Emmett with their goats. After lunch Alex & I went down to field to look at grazing. Only 5. To 6th still walled there. Dug a few dandelions. [illegible] draft letters to [illegible] and others. Tea G. & Alex. Sent cheque to R.A.D.A. for Alex's 1st term. [illegible] before & after dinner. G. talked [illegible] over telephone. She said Alfredo was very tired. Alex in H. room listening to wireless. [illegible] Scarlatti [illegible] Scott [illegible].

MONDAY MAY 8.

Another frost last night. Charlie says 6th question will be all right. W. Jimmie in train about his divorce asked if it was Elsie. W. asked her about scotch oatmeal. Call fr. Zimmerman noti. mass. agst. [illegible] - 7 d. Cut. [illegible] about spring & [illegible] and about [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] Garrick. Red-shir [illegible] and a [illegible] paint - first one I [illegible] that Hopkins [illegible] had signed all the letters that I had drafted over week end and that Miss C. typed today. Cut desk cleaner than usual. Home 5.30. Changed at [illegible] - first in [illegible] but was cold - [illegible]. Cut 4 [illegible] in way [illegible] seems to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. [illegible] surprised about A. had been talking of her childish things & baby clothes. Alix dressed in blue kimono. After

TUESDAY MAY 9

Up 6.20. Another hard frost. 8.34 train to London Bridge. Changed at Horsham. Wr. letter to Audrey Lindsay about Leo Myers lectures & B. Reached London Bridge at 10 o'c. To office for a few minutes and then on to Highgate. Lovely trees and open spaces. Good interview with Headmaster C. F. Bell about Peter. Back to office via the Little Russell St. Wr. letter for the [illegible] to copy. Disposing of files. Tel. A. & arranged lunch Thursday. Tel Alice's people) & had a good talk with head Mrs Shaw. Home 5.20. Taken in carriage. Went ahead to open coach but too many over[illegible]. Cut [illegible] on Station Rd. [illegible] with Charley, not a good [illegible] [illegible]. App. dinner, [illegible] talked. Bored [illegible] in old exp. ? fountain pen to [illegible]

WEDNESDAY MAY 10

No fever last night. C. up together, taking impressions and towels to A. to Phillips. W. Mimi to train Dudley Highgate prospectus, C. took me in taxi to A. & N. Stores where I left bag and emptied for a new supply & letter. Jon to Stephen Pigott that no longer fever, Office usual routine etc. No trouble for lunch, got cider and apple juice there. C. at A. & N. left bag at Phillips. Signed letters W. Dudley to Ralph who is O.K. Sells and off to France. N. Oak. Dr Brand. Collected bag at Phillips and home with B. 6.15. In carriage was Mercy Wilkinson who tried to talk about his Myles but C. & I firmly closed our eyes. Mrs Thos Nationalist at station came in with us. Mrs Phillips & girl, little dinner. After dinner

THURSDAY MAY 11

Awoke lovely morning & 6th glorious day. Took Alice [illegible] A. and S. picked a fine mail by Castle Lane w. [illegible] letters [illegible] Mrs [illegible] and fr. Bell and Bristol Bank. [illegible] Mrs Blessin Nelson [illegible] for [illegible]. w. letter fr Mrs C. [illegible] talk Barker about present for [illegible] wedding & arranged for [illegible] to [illegible].

Alice & another girl called: [illegible]. [illegible] not easy to find things to talk about. Saw [illegible] & [illegible] - [illegible]. Saw [illegible] w. in distance. Called [illegible], interested in design and bracelet but doubt high price. Looked at [illegible] photographs - [illegible]. [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]. Rose fr. [illegible] along [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible]. Called [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] 18½ [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Home 5.20. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in

FRIDAY MAY 12

Lovely day. Ted appears to give
[illegible] money for Arthur's
[illegible] accident. Strange
[illegible] for Teeing Walter when
[illegible] I used to go when we were
engaged and first married.
[illegible] Dear Helen [illegible]. New
Brown [illegible] does put [illegible]
W. [illegible] little to [illegible]
[illegible] his [illegible] & [illegible] of
Winter's Tales and copy of the
[illegible] in [illegible] from [illegible]
[illegible] door. Helped C. turn
lining of brown coat for Alix
so that it does not stick.
Finished it after lunch roughly
so that if [illegible] was [illegible]
needs to be done can properly
take by Nannie. C. [illegible] and I
I greased [illegible] of dining-room
table and tied them up with
paper and [illegible] to protect
them [illegible]. After tea read
to N. [illegible]. [illegible] for [illegible].
Alix arrived [illegible]
that [illegible]
[illegible] door. Fire [illegible] lecture.
Dinner alone 9.30. Alix played
[illegible]

SATURDAY MAY 13

up 8 o'c. Lovely summer day. To Square and got money and stamps. Talk Mrs Dalziel about Italian plates. Made up Envelopes of men. Spoke to Humphrey about doing up work-room. Talk to Chauf. about spades & weeding tools for Pam. Bought printed Indian shawl for Mrs Saxton Smith. Alix has been out tangling grass with flowers the morning. After lunch she tried on dresses of C. & A. to be altered for her. Down to Black Horse with empty bottle but could get only draught ale. Stamped cards & paid bill. Down to wood & paid woodman. Box of more spaniels and bees flew. Mrs Saxton Smith called bring me new printed Indian shawl that asked make evening dress for C. Looked at them with C. All tea-time. After tea looked at Alix's account and hunted Shakespeare for a piece for her to say to Bo Knott. She decided on Lady Macbeth in Macbeth. Drink before dinner. After dinner Alix played Gramophone in N. room. C. tel. Wanted about A's summer dresses. Bed early

SUNDAY MAY 14

up 8 o'c. Shampoo. Breakfast 10. Alix. Warm drinks. Cool windy day sun and cloudy. Pinafore Sunday divine [illegible] the village to the Corn field. Met C. on my way home [illegible] the kitchen garden + [illegible]. My garden all right in [illegible] the [illegible] week [illegible]. Started unpacking [illegible] [illegible] baskets from [illegible]. After lunch Alix dressed up and [illegible] her [illegible] from 2nd [illegible] in [illegible]. Did it out [illegible] badly. C up to rest. I finished unpacking [illegible] baskets and [illegible] [illegible]. After tea [illegible] + [illegible] [illegible] of the Balkans - [illegible] at a [illegible]. Alix not very well decides to go back tonight [illegible] her coat + material to show to tailor. Drink before dinner. [illegible] alone after lunch [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Looked at papers. Read Grizzly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. To bed before 11 o'c.

MONDAY MAY 15

Another stump first. Cut my knife that Chumley had sharpened. Spoke to Mr S. about preacher to Friday. Paid Miss Dun ... at station ... complete ... and ... Caurina ... Cert. W. letter for Mrs C. ... Mrs Tapeem. I passed Mr & Mrs ... in Ct. ... St. and thought I turned back in. Found there management. They had been arrested for black market transactions in ... W. other letter for Mrs C. to copy. To Jacobsons for clock key but more pepit. Ask from cake shop and I forgot to take up ... home 5.30. ... Changed at Hounslow. Cut ducks in station Road with knife sharpened by Chumley. Killed ... weakling gashing only half sized ... others. Mrs Casperi ... away by Mr Seeland was brought back — ... 3/4 hour. After dinner read papers

[left margin, written vertically:] Wrong ... 'is ... Paid ...

TUESDAY MAY 16

No frost last night. Cloudy morning turning to rain in London. Met Jean at station and took her to Dental Clinic. W. office to John Drummond in train and started letter to Helen Granville Barker. At office looked up agreement with John Drummond for Royal Drummond and wrote to him about his interest in it. Lunch at Bill's. Memories of [illegible] [illegible]. Filthy lunch + [illegible] [illegible], but got him a taxi. Saw Fisher + a Mrs Mackenzie [illegible] in a [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. Met Phillipson [illegible] Square. Finished letter to Helen. Sent Alix cheque for hotel. Home 5.30 with Jean. V. in bed. [illegible] Novello appeal dismissed. Jean [illegible] by Blake's girl. Eat a good dinner [illegible] stories. Talked + read papers.

WEDNESDAY MAY 17

Cold [illegible]. Maurice took my [illegible] & [illegible] for A. & Alix to station. W. [illegible] in the train. At office telephone from Alix and soon she came and changed into coat & skirt that I had brought and went off to catch 1.15 to Bath to be her mother for the last time. She had no [illegible] whatever and when I said she could borrow pyjamas of Tossie she said she did not know she was going to stay with her aunt. [illegible]. W. letter from Mrs C. & copy. Lunch wi. A. St. Clair [illegible] and [illegible]. A. seemed sad rather than [illegible] but I made her laugh and we had a pleasant time. I gave her eggs and spring cabbage and letter from Ralph [illegible] which she opened and read with striking eagerness. To Boots in Wigmore Street for [illegible] lotion and to V. [illegible]'s paint shop in [illegible] Street where I got some brown paint. New edition of [illegible] III & IV. Home 5.30 [illegible] in [illegible]. Craig

Maurice [illegible] Virginia [illegible]

[illegible] A. [illegible]

THURSDAY MAY 15

Good rain in night. Rust growing
bread. Cool + cloudy morning.
W. Charley Butler in for bread.
Got white distemper at
Parley's. W. draft letter to
Mr Saunders. Lunch
Bridges, Coz Helen and Mabel
farmer's truck wagon. Mabel
Carl also delightful, but both
rather interesting. To Tillyer
for something to the white
distemper. He answered was
unable but had none.
Got soap at Parley's. Carl
tried back later at Bright's.
To Carolina about Alix
+ Peter. Tel. Mrs Short to
tell her not to expect Alix
until she sees her. Tel. A. that
we would like to have her
and Peter come to dinner
next week. Mrs C. very good
and helpful. Home 5:30. Changed
at Needham. Andrew spent last
night at Berkeley fix station
Colt-docks. Cook out. After dinner

FRIDAY MAY 19

up 8.15 and had a bath & G. later even in the depths of conscience she had replied that my bath was not at all hot & did better in my bath soon at nine. Breakfast together at 10.30. Tel. fr. Miss C. who reads me letter from Mrs Rixon about Peter's preparation for exams. Tel. to Supt. Peel about arrangements in district to make calling on official visit home. Sent Humphrey about new under in what [illegible]. Started letter to Constance and telegraphed to him about P & A. Finished draft letter to Constance after lunch. Wr. Peter and draft letter to Mr Bell. Fixed new domestic wi[illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. Then [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Said [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mimi's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Strong [illegible] [illegible]. Dined [illegible] [illegible]. After dinner [illegible] wi. G. [illegible] Nanni

[illegible] from staying [illegible]

SATURDAY MAY 20

Breakfast in early morning only
Nannie - the only person in the
house that already was out.
[illegible]. Up 7.30. Letter fr.
Evelyn Skinner. Thinks perhaps
will start the weekend that is
today or tomorrow. Discussed
[illegible]. [illegible] three painting [illegible]
[illegible] outlines of cottage. Dyer
[illegible] for money & stamps.
Paid men. Looked at samples of
distemper for setting [illegible].
stamped [illegible]. Doris [illegible]
got draught [illegible] & draught
[illegible] at Black Stores. After
[illegible] Ch. down [illegible] and paid
[illegible] and Mann. Next of [illegible]
[illegible] in bottom trunk of old
[illegible] — W. [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]. W. draft letters to Mr [illegible]
[illegible] Rixon, John McNeill's, John
[illegible], Frank [illegible] to
[illegible] for copies of [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] writing [illegible] my copy of
which was lost Xmas 1942.
Tea and [illegible] N. [illegible].
D visits before dinner. Alix [illegible]
at [illegible] to [illegible] of Nannie's!
After dinner [illegible] from [illegible]

SUNDAY MAY 21

up 8 o'c. Shampoo. O. down before I finished breakfast [illegible] slacks. Thought I would take [illegible] [illegible] in sitting room before settling down to work. Belief proved most difficult and took me from 10.45 till 12. Started letter to [illegible] S.P.G. [illegible] paper. I heard Nannie tell [illegible] that she was not coming down to lunch, but presently O. said she was to come. Anyhow she did and [illegible] very [illegible] [illegible] appeared before lunch in coat & skirt of Nannie's. It seems [illegible] [illegible]. After lunch finished S.P.G. letter. O. wearing her new blue coat & skirt [illegible] nice. Rested in chair. Tea. [illegible] accounts [illegible] pictures and marked out in sitting room before it is distempered. Drink. [illegible] Packed after dinner. Had told [illegible] that I should be away and asked Mrs S. to have Will

[illegible]

MONDAY MAY 22

Alix left 7 o'c train. Mrs Stork [illegible] sitting room. Spoke to Charly who [illegible] asked in dining room [illegible] about [illegible] chimney. Mrs S. gave me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] Spoke to [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] goes to London and comes back by my train [illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. Read my drafts [illegible] to [illegible]. C. [illegible] for at [illegible] Ck. Comm. [illegible] Nat [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. letter to John Macnie's son on [illegible] of his death. W. [illegible] [illegible] M in C. to [illegible] all the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] empty and still [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] in [illegible] formerly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letter that Mrs E. has applied. Tel fr. C. wants to get [illegible] 14. St. O [illegible]. Saw Mr. [illegible] about [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Back to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. G. + Alix. Talk McP[illegible], [illegible], [illegible]

MIMI DIED

TUESDAY MAY 23 7.PM

Sunday. – T. ask Morris for stripe
coat & skirt to be cut down
for Alex. Office 10.45 usual
routine. [illegible] W. draft letter
for Mr C. & copy. Alex
called [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] Dennet
alterations [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
after [illegible] [illegible] for stripe coat
& skirt for £9.10.8. Took
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sandwiches
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in a panic about getting [illegible]
to school [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. To East Prospect.
[illegible] [illegible] Stephanie's [illegible]
[illegible] found. Got some [illegible]
at Shukers. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
letter W. Mrs Willett about
a wedding [illegible] Mr Parrish.
[illegible] Williamson [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 6.30 Selfridges [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] walk at Alex's [illegible]
[illegible] and Alex [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
after 15 minutes [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]!
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] O.
very pleasant [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. E. [illegible] [illegible].

Lunch Mrs. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

WEDNESDAY MAY 27.

up 7.10 To Webbs — good [illegible]
of S. African [illegible] stamps. The
[illegible] [illegible] who [illegible] in
[illegible] Morris [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] brought [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] : Office. Lunch [illegible]
Mr Till [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
diamond expert. Tel. fr. G. that
she has had an accident
went to telephone in great anxiety.
She spoke from club where
she [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Specials.
Fell in [illegible] [illegible] and
scraped her knees and hurt
her hip but all right and
[illegible] [illegible] after a
[illegible]. Finished [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] errands. Found
her frightened but not seriously
hurt. She was [illegible] high
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] her about her [illegible]
and [illegible] she [illegible] [illegible] to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
back to office. Talk [illegible]. Called
for G. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] : A. & dinner. [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY MAY 25

Tel Alex still in a [illegible] excited state. wants to go to funeral. Tel [illegible] does not expect us to [illegible] not having [illegible] for funeral. Tel. for [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] Alex should go to funeral [illegible] telephoned [illegible] and that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] our judgment and that Alex was all to go. To [illegible] about Alex's coat [illegible]. Tel for C. Alex [illegible] [illegible]. C in bath and [illegible] told she was out and went for walk on Hampstead Heath. At [illegible] [illegible] Daniell [illegible] [illegible]. Call for Mrs [illegible]. Her husband [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]. Called Dr. Redman who [illegible] came right to make C. [illegible] [illegible]. Lunch [illegible]. Head hair-dresser [illegible] on a bus yesterday [illegible] at a [illegible] & brought [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] up [illegible] for Daniell [illegible]. Mr Goldstein [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] re E[illegible]. Tel C. Alex [illegible] [illegible]. Tel. [illegible]. To [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. [illegible] [illegible] today

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]

FRIDAY MAY 26

Packed and left luggage ready for C. to take to Amberley. Office 11.30. W. drafts letters to Bell etc. Lunch w. C. Mabel at C.'s club. W. [illegible] letters about Mimi's [illegible] for Mr C. to copy. [illegible] for Pauley about "Royal [illegible]" To Victoria carrying 1942 Who's who for Amberley as Mr C. has got a 1943 for the office. Alix met me at Victoria & [illegible] me to carriage where C. had kept seats. Slept in train. Found [illegible] Phillips at [illegible] & brought them home in taxi loaded w. luggage. Mrs Scarlett [illegible] with [illegible] & [illegible]. Drank before dinner. [illegible] packed and put [illegible] [illegible] in cupboards and [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Looked at paper. [illegible] practised [illegible] [illegible] on piano in Cottage. C. feels that [illegible] A. in London was failure. [illegible] Sympathetic letter [illegible] Aunt M. [illegible]

SATURDAY MAY 27

Lovely day but country growing
dryer and dryer. Dance 6-7 [illegible]
for money and stamps. Left
Humphrey who is painting front of
cottage while boy was taken off a
quilt quite pleasant storm allowed
[illegible]. Talk to Phillips & Mrs. G.
[illegible] by on way to castle to
get tomato plants. Stumped card
and paid one. Dianne de [illegible]
and [illegible] looking quite healthy & a
Mrs. Rose who likes [illegible] and
[illegible] about. Then, had come in from
Cart farm. Buss and Come van G. but
nearly [illegible] ahead. Take Mattress
[illegible] [illegible] weeping over Wild Geese.
We went down to [illegible] and
[illegible] had drinks while I got Bass
after lunch slight [illegible] w/ G.
because I tried to get her to go for
a walk to woods by way of [illegible]
She said she would refused [illegible]
1 P.S. [illegible] in [illegible] about
Nelson [illegible]. No warmth.
Rested in chair. To road w/ G.
picked [illegible]. Tea. Read Churchill's
[illegible] speech. Started to read book and

SUNDAY MAY 25

Up 7.30 Breakfast w. G.
and later Alice. Wound clock
one in lanai. stopped. I
wound one in JC's desk &
stopped it but C. knew its
ways & started it again. Moved
pictures in sittingroom nearer door. To
church alone & stayed to Communion.
C. & I walked to graves in churchyard
where her mother's ashes are to be
brought. She says she wants to
lie near all her family. Nannie
did not have the cholera with us.
After lunch opened cornice of
bookcase. Got out silver with idea
of using it and giving to Alfreda. Over
Pictures ... plates dinner.
Tel. Taylor. Supper - got taxi for
5 o'c at Trelawn. Saw about
house & place. He suggested how to im-
prove garden. C. joined us and we
sat on lawn and then had tea in D.
room. Then he took taxi to station.
Looked at silver w. woodwork.
Rested in my room. Drink before dinner.
After dinner C. & I walk down to pond
and about lawn. Many trees killed by
insect but Catalpa seems ...

MONDAY MAY 29

up 8.0'c. Another lovely day but the country is growing terribly dry. Cashed cheques at Ambulty Stores. Made up accounts Alex & Peter. Alex asked if she could stay here another day to get over her mother's death. I said so. John & Auntie's Matthias & Mrs Tows came in on their way home from [illegible] at Mrs Carruthers. [illegible] at Chiswick [illegible] & [illegible] again. Peter [illegible] [illegible] up. After lunch Alex went back to [illegible]. I worked [illegible] for putting my back [illegible] in draft letter to [illegible] about 1948 [illegible], [illegible] London & another about [illegible]. [illegible] finished [illegible] put up [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Tea in the [illegible], [illegible] on the [illegible]. Very hot dry day. Drinks before dinner [illegible] called up [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] giving directions to [illegible] [illegible] us. This made [illegible] [illegible]. I walked about [illegible] did a little watering [illegible] and poppies [illegible]. [illegible] sitting [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY MAY 30

Another very hot day. Maxwell took my bag and parcel to station. Ltr. letter to Phillips from Little Rock, with enclosure he settled [illegible]. Viola says in letter to C. this morning that she [illegible] is very good. Copied out extra expenses for May. To [illegible] St. Invisible men in shop but they said Cashmere shawl too [illegible] to mend. Office signed letters and [illegible] drafts. Lunch. [illegible] av. To [illegible] for waist. Met [illegible] there [illegible]. Allison. Dinner at [illegible]. Back to office. Call from Alex. Very hot. Mr West told of terrific thunder and [illegible] storm in [illegible] last night. 5:30 train home. Windows open because of great heat. Slept in rain coat [illegible] on [illegible] very [illegible]. Changed at [illegible]. [illegible]. [illegible] E. P. [illegible] [illegible]. Cab [illegible] at station [illegible] left. Major [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible]. After dinner C & I walk about [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

WEDNESDAY MAY 31

Cooler. Saw Humphry about permit
for cutting window frames. Grill
following Mrs Scarland to [illegible] from
Clugstons. Mr Mathews in train
[illegible] Talked me about [illegible]
[illegible] W. C. [illegible]
in train. To [illegible]
Street and got Marmalade and
[illegible] for Mrs Scarland.
[illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] Cal Jenison about
[illegible] N. [illegible]
[illegible] about Dorothy [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] paint at [illegible] St.
[illegible] shop. Talk Summers
[illegible] London figures [illegible]
N. Y. W. [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] Talk [illegible]
about books for new papers
[illegible]. Home 5.20 and went
[illegible] pump drill at [illegible]
Bridge [illegible]. Coal
evening and fire in sitting room
after dinner. [illegible] came
[illegible] from [illegible] and
[illegible] radio set & Read

[illegible] (vertical note in left margin)

THURSDAY JUNE 1 1944

Coal damp morning turning to slight rain. Buckmaster standing in front of his house and [illegible] he had little [illegible] Newell another for [illegible] round his garden. W. [illegible] [illegible] in them [illegible] contributed to his expenses [illegible] work [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] Bess. Cat [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] W. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] copy. Lunch Mr [illegible] Russell St. I worked on list of books to be printed with [illegible] paper quote. Talk Mr Went about my letter to Bates in [illegible]. Assumed that he would return to N.Y. representation after the war. Home 5.30. Changed at Horsham. [illegible] Ambulance [illegible] at P [illegible]. Got Stevens to telephone to Burgess about my lost eye glasses but not found. Cut [illegible] on Station Road. [illegible] call at [illegible]. C. had cable from Aunt [illegible] that Alfreda had written [illegible] letter about marriage

Friday June 2nd

Cool misty morning with wind
turning to sunny. No sign of
rain. Up 7.45. Breakfast with
C. 9.30. [illegible] painting [illegible]
window frames at [illegible]
[illegible]. Aluminium grey [illegible] with
[illegible]. Matron [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible]. Worked till lunch
on Remarques [illegible]. Was very calm.
C. came in and complained of
[illegible] because I had shut
the upper window for ½ hour.
After lunch rested on sofa in N.
room until 4 o'c, and then went
on with Remarques. Stopped for
tea until interrupted by Woolcomb
who said my [illegible] train
had arrived [illegible] passengers at
6 o'c. Marjorie Millham,
Mary, Pelham and Mrs. Gaeland
Breathing smartness and precision
in [illegible]. Returned
to Remarques. Then Derek
Styx arrived and went up to
Nanny without coming to see
C. & me. After dinner Alex
played gramophone records
and C. & I listened to [illegible] [illegible]
American [illegible].

SATURDAY JUNE 3

Up 7.30 Called Alex for bath 8.15. Talk Humphry about [illegible] paint for windows & [illegible]. Catherine battle for [illegible]. Talk [illegible] & Walter about fire guard duties. C. says take brick & put sand bags on [illegible] boards in [illegible]. Cut stamps & money stamped cards etc. Paid men and told Nell about cutting grass for Major [illegible]. Worked on [illegible] C. at out [illegible] and [illegible]. Mrs Robert Matthews & Denis de [illegible] to lunch. Very pleasant. Took their little [illegible] pony down. We gave [illegible] and Diana & I got her after lunch. C. went and [illegible]. Afternoon on [illegible]. C. & I down to wood. Rhododendrons beginning to make a show. Wood men made [illegible] at work on old [illegible] with baby owls in hollow branch. Tea in N. room. Worked on [illegible] again. Cocktails. C. worried by rather bitter letter from Viola. Still talks of [illegible] [illegible]. After dinner. News. Read Times personal accounts for May.

Clear cool SUNDAY JUNE 4 windy day

Single planes flying over last
night and distant gun fire.
Expecting to be called out but did
get not out of shop till 3.0 c.
Got up ancient Army and broken
[illegible] numbers. Bright moon light
and drinks in the street. Up 7.30
Both early to Jim. Alex & Charles
worked all morning on [illegible]
[illegible]. E. to church in his
[illegible] blue coat and
skirt. Down to Blackfriars but
[illegible]. E. informed on that
[illegible] to as teacher
and enjoined one to be polite.
Usual cleaning [illegible]
patronage and privilege and
[illegible] complacent
sycophancy. After lunch returned
to [illegible], and worked all
afternoon and then on till 7.0 c.
Drink of whisky lemon & ginger —
Alex had been to tea at Berry Manor
usual cold supper for Sunday
night. After drink. Allies in bed
with 2 [illegible]. Mended G.S.V. [illegible]
[illegible]. Then [illegible] accounts

MONDAY JUNE 5

Up 0.40 Spoke to Mr Humphrey about painting house & reading out with a letter at rate & how much we are owing him. Went. Jim Tempest wants pay... and a lot of papers to ... Phone. Roberts & Stuff in ... him to report. To Tellys for more number and pay bottles. ...

Called about ... cards and mistakes in ... Lunch ... Russell St. Afternoon ... letters etc. ... afternoon. Very cold. Govt kept on answer last night and getting worse. Discussed ... Jamie Bay ... went ... Home 5.30 Changed ... policy ... about ... Cass said ... Govt ... Phillips, Humphreys ... for ... After dinner rested by fire. Went bed

TUESDAY JUNE 6

Cough kept me awake a little but is certainly getting better. Cons. W. Lord got Dick Dyer, Albany for guard duty. To station in fog. Taxi. Nannie going up with a lady to stay in [illegible]. Met Jim at station. Troops in the [illegible] in front [illegible] orders [illegible] till they got in. 10. [illegible] to [illegible] draft letters also Mrs [illegible] took Jim to [illegible]. Mr [illegible] at office [illegible] in [illegible] of [illegible] for H.M. Alice went to tailors for fitting and came on to me later. [illegible] for Mrs Short [illegible] St. [illegible] for [illegible] and W. [illegible] draft letters. [illegible] Skinner. Got more [illegible] medicine [illegible]. Met Jim at Victoria great queues for [illegible]. [illegible] 5.30 [illegible]. [illegible] home. [illegible] with Nannie [illegible]. [illegible] spoke [illegible] + Archbishop [illegible] a service

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7

Tel Philip to ask him to [illegible]
[illegible] no answer. To [illegible] w. G.
Did not [illegible] & [illegible]. Read
[illegible] W. J[illegible] about
[illegible] 1 [illegible] C copy [illegible]
[illegible]. G. [illegible] to [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] to sign S. A. J.'s [illegible]
certificate for Mr. West & others.
Talked to Philip [illegible]
[illegible] office and
assistant [illegible] office said
"[illegible]." Lunch [illegible]
A. [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] A. [illegible]
[illegible]
Back to office. [illegible] talk
Mr. [illegible] Nat. [illegible] Bank
about [illegible].

[illegible] had called before luncheon [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs. Shaw [illegible]
[illegible] if she did not come to [illegible]
[illegible] she could not have [illegible]

Read Mo. [illegible] 6.18 [illegible]
[illegible] thought [illegible]
[illegible] changed [illegible]
[illegible] Paul [illegible]
[illegible] came [illegible] about
[illegible] [illegible] get out

THURSDAY JUNE 5.

Quick one in My Schelands [illegible] at 4.30. Seems tired out. Talk Mr Mathias in their [illegible] about Mrs Myers [illegible] Started draft letter to Mrs [illegible] Office routine. Mr West doing letter in an apparently [illegible] way. Lunch Canada: Anthony [illegible]. Spoke to Kenneth Barnes about Alix. T J Hopkins [illegible] about floor varnish. Signed [illegible] letter to Mrs [illegible] telling long [illegible] story of our relationship to Peter. Light rain [illegible] 5.30. Changed at [illegible]. Found a few [illegible] to [illegible] of on station road. Wm and Fanny [illegible] painted at back of cottage [illegible] very well. [illegible] letter. After dinner read Vera [illegible] about [illegible] but found nothing helpful for [illegible] slept all evening after [illegible] watching [illegible] window sill. German music. Bed 11.10

FRIDAY JUNE 9.

up late. rainy morning
but very fine and gentle [illegible]
[illegible] much good. Chief
[illegible] has gone back to [illegible]
[illegible]. G. has had an [illegible]
sympathetic letter fr. Eleanor
[illegible] trying to be helpful
[illegible] to be appreciative but letter
[illegible] disapproval shows through.
[illegible] and I sat by fire in sitting
room. I read E's letter and G
and I talked of her attitude. G
greatly upset by E's letter
and is bad depressed again.
After lunch to Parker [illegible].
[illegible] ale and cake. Looked at
coal supply. To W. Ellis.
spoke to Mr. Sinclair
about making cellar [illegible]
house for supplies. Cut out
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Cut nails, mustache
edges. Mowed hay from vicarage and
dug weeds. G. & I tea. Rested
in chair while G. wrote. Drink.
Then to [illegible] bomb disposal.
demonstration by [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] had [illegible] when I got back.

[illegible]

SATURDAY JUNE 10.

A. sleepless and depressed in night and I went in to give her support up 8.15. Breakfast all together about 10 o'c. A at ... + ... and talking ... about ... in ... of ... Made up ... and ... ... Stamped ... Checked Alix's accounts. Mr Little got for me a beautiful ... from ... After lunch. W. ... ... in reply ... from ... this A.M. ... ... N.M. ... ... Paid ... and told him ... ... on E boundary. ... Alix ... 3 ... left at 4.15 ... ... Talk Little about ... hedges. A ... out ... at 5.0 ... ... & David brought ... ... and I gave them 3d. each. ... up ... ... May 27 1925. Tea and then ... in ... ... before dinner. ... ... to ... after dinner. ... of life ... ... for ... ... all

SUNDAY JUNE 11

up 7.30. Wound clocks. Read Broom's "Medical Profession" – rambling and unsupported prejudices. Cont. copying paper for Dr A. Carrick Coyle. Thoughts inspired and I aind bez. from spirit & freed of reality. Hostess to make happiness much. Call from Dhalia Tyler and W. Downs. Took Fanny to see Ceccili. Then she helped me beat out and crumple paper, and then down to see Ossie. After dinner, we draft letter to Brown. To Chris Brown. C. & I to tea at Matthewses taken by Taylor. Eve Reading there. C. talked to Diana about story she is writing about an ceilling of Rossi before stage remedial – as Corp. ... Fangolo. I went back down to [illegible] & got & talked about her. Drink before dinner. Nine ... Norm [illegible]. U.P.C.S.

MONDAY JUNE 12

Up 6.40. Mrs Scaeland lying on sofa in kitchen in pink dressing gown said she sprained her ankle last night. Lovely morning. W. draft awards in terms. T.D. Hopkins Danvers for Admiralty. Mrs Mead away with sprained foot. Attended to letters etc. Lunch. Ponds. Got paint at Tilleyard. Called at Dashwoods and engaged rooms for O. & G. June 18, 19 & 20. Back to office. Signed letters. Call from Thomas McGibbon who is going to Annapolis to Washington. Gave him addresses of Sammy Putnam and Aunt Mary Jennings. He said he would not have been able to keep his war job if he had not had his training by me at Pulitzer in making him realise the importance of accuracy. Home 5.30 walk from station with Fred Platt. Read paper after dinner. Battle going well in Normandy. Got best Scotch

A. [illegible] stamp

TUESDAY JUNE 13

walked to station in rain
and got very wet but
not cold in train so I
was all right. W. [illegible]
letter to Bristol Requests
asking to [illegible] Peters
Mrs Mead said to be better
after a bad night. went
to [illegible] [illegible]. Call from
Alix after tea (dance?)
[illegible]. Gave her 5/3. for
[illegible] paint. Martyn [illegible]
called and [illegible] had lunch
at Frascatis. Mr West saw
Philip Taylor drunk last
Wednesday night in Museum Tavern
Martyn brought me a bottle of
whiskey and a bottle of gin from
Bakers. Home 5:30. Cut [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] Road. [illegible]
[illegible]. Mr [illegible] was looking for
[illegible] planted a few weeks ago.
C. upset by [illegible] letters from [illegible]
family. After dinner

WEDNESDAY June 14th

French surgeon Capt. ... arriving
Gave ... papers in office &
and talked to him about ...
... draft letter to Mr ...
and ... office. ... Mr ... has
heard ... any ... for
extra papers for ... ...
has been turned down. Signed
letters ... ...
Alex called ... the ...
was not to ... ...
... to do ... again. Gave
her ... she has left
... Consul ... lunch at
... and got two bills of ...
at A & N. ... thought of
going to ... ... but ...
... from ... ... and
... called up Embassy found
... had ... and ...
... to work. Mr ... out
Called about ... for his
daughter ... in London
Copied ... of Malaya 3 & 4
... new edition. ... 5.30
... ... not
heard from Paul in ... ...
... ... flowers ... ...

43. S. L. H. [illegible]

THURSDAY June 15th

Went up planning and vegetable
for Alfredo. Long sunny
[illegible] for evening. W. Flanders
[illegible] writing [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] them. Tel. Miss Mead
[illegible] laid up with poisoned foot.
[illegible] Beaumont brought in money
[illegible] nations. Left [illegible] at
[illegible] and [illegible] Clearly
[illegible] A. and Rubin Dawson.
[illegible] that Drumpeld [illegible]
[illegible] to see me at 3.30 and
[illegible] Brian [illegible] not come
[illegible] as Alfredo left [illegible] went
[illegible]. Robin to see his town planning
work in St. James Square. Then [illegible]
[illegible] to do shrimp & anemone jackets
[illegible] back to office. Long talk with
Desmond. Talked of Alfredo.
He was sympathetic but thought
an arranged object [illegible] not [illegible].
Thought Eatheds had been [illegible]
about Pinkie and turned her against
parents and she might have
influenced A. Talked about [illegible]
and promised him help. Talked
about paper situation. Signed bill
Home 6.15. Very tired. After
dinner talked. With A. [illegible]

Friday June 16th 1944

Dull cool morning. Humphry plugging floors with papier mâché and varnishing. Pen. Took him up for more varnish [illegible] after [illegible] all last night. Dinner [illegible] of [illegible] in [illegible] Malaya. Bus from Victoria to Cambridge Circus and got tickets for Tuesday night Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge. Met Bruce outside Palace Theatre while siren going for all clear. Got [illegible] of [illegible] Hopkins [illegible] office. Tel. Mr. Smith about papier mâché for filling up cracks in floors. Engaged advertising space for [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] called about [illegible] and [illegible] for Bruce's daughter in London. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. Out to Baker St. [illegible] Property Office and [illegible] Stephens [illegible]. W. [illegible] Davis [illegible] and [illegible] material. [illegible] up proofs of S. A. [illegible] all day but [illegible]. Funny papers full of pilotless planes and flying bombs.

SATURDAY JUNE 17th

Bangs in night thought to be
pilotless planes crashing. Up
8 o'c. C. down before I finished
breakfast. To office. Asked
Crossfurst to relaid part and gave
end of pleached walk. Got
stamps and money. Saw Jean
her teeth now quite straight
and her expression entirely changed.
Paid him. Talked Humphrey about
papier maché which needs to
be pressed smooth & left to dry
before varnishing. Stamped
cards. After lunch pasted brown
paper over screen holes in 5 cake
tables that I am going to give to
R.A.D.A. Tea. Kneaded my paper
on a china plate up to ladder.
Alfreda arrived about 7.30 looking
thin and distinguished. Drinks
before dinner. Alex arrived about
9 o'c in order to get away from
London gun fire. Listened to news
and talked. Alfreda sat in big
chair and Alex chatted about
play etc next to the afternoon

SUNDAY JUNE 19th

up 8 o'c. wound clocks
W. E. [illegible] thanking him for
coal cake & an [illegible] Peak
bag for London. Did camp
bed by stuffing cracks with
paper wheels and packed
up car for papers [illegible]
for [illegible] W. letter
[illegible] instructions D. C. [illegible]
and left him a light [illegible]
Bishops Varalettes for
rheumatism. A. H. was
frightened in the night
and [illegible] of Nansi.
Did accounts with her
and read her a [illegible]
[illegible]. A. [illegible]
[illegible] and lay in [illegible]
after lunch [illegible] ride [illegible]
up to [illegible]. [illegible]
at 3 [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] at 4.25 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] met him all right. T is [illegible]
C. at Dorchester. Then [illegible] walk

[illegible]

MONDAY JUNE 19th.

Dorchester ; No gun fire in night but a few flying bombs. Considerable stuff fell 2 or 3. up 6.30 Breakfast in Pitch's room and then to [illegible] Highgate school [illegible] [illegible] morning. Met Master Mr. Miller office 9.30. Tel C. She is lunching with Helen Spinella. Says [illegible] [illegible] of Charles in South. Eng. [illegible] but [illegible] morning [illegible]. Many [illegible] C. and I had luncheon with Helen Spinella. I heard [illegible] of [illegible] Russell is [illegible] Pat. To Dorchester and got [illegible] ticket which I took to Victoria. Then bus up Tottenham Ct. Rd. was damaged in [illegible] spots. Walked through Gower St. and found RADA all right. Meeting C. had heard of bomb & came to office in panic to see if I was safe. Sign[illegible] taken [illegible] at 4.30. Confident about the exam. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. To Dorchester. C. out [illegible].

TUESDAY JUNE 20 1944

P. Bombs just over head in
night. Slept but slept better
Saw Peter off to Highgate
after our [illegible] breakfast to-
gether. I took papier mache to
[illegible] for fire [illegible].
Worked at the [illegible]
[illegible]. Back to office
Call for Mr [illegible]. Was
employed in Telephone supply
Co. To Dorchester luncheon with
C. Alfreda Alex Aileen Margaret
Alex had a bomb fall at their
place away. Alfreda spent
last night with [illegible]
and was terrified. Brought back
Norma's papers. James MacE. called
re: Theda's agreement. Back
to Dorchester and found Peter & Ali
[illegible] tea with C. in Peters room.
[illegible] and we all went to show
Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge at
Palace Theatre. Something in the Air.
A [illegible] but all there [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible]. Back to drinks at
Dorchester. Talk Robertson. Donald
[illegible] and his detrimental girl [illegible]

WEDNESDAY JUNE 21

Dorchester. Up 7.30. Alfredo had spent night at Embassy and came to breakfast wi. JG. Peter and I had breakfast in his room. Packed. Peter came down with me and we had affectionate parting. To Hyde Park Corner. Windows broken in Apsley House and all along Piccadilly fr. bomb in Green Park. We heard bomb last night at Dorchester when some windows were broken. To bank and got diamond bracelet. Cut out back Drummonds for flex to use as mail-bucks. Talk Mr Frederick about P. plans. Corrected Times ads etc. To Claridges and had luncheon with Mr Fell and gave him diamond bracelet to value. Back to office. Signed letters etc. to Mr Bull about Peter's [illegible]. Alert on most of day but heard no bombs. Got new season ticket at Victoria and met C. She had seen Peter off at Victoria. Tried to tell me how he had said to poor woman came for check that she not thankful [illegible] alive and

[illegible]

THURSDAY JUNE 22

Mrs Searland called me at 6.55 and I got up in good time. Left Schumbatic[?] graphics with [illegible] for [illegible]. Clear windy day, hot sun [illegible]. Catharine and [illegible] [illegible] Cottage. Alex[?] [illegible] to office. [illegible]. [illegible] all right and Alix [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] St and had a long talk with [illegible] about [illegible] Estate [illegible]. [illegible] letters. Nearly cleared desk. Home 5.30. Changed at [illegible]. Came on from [illegible] with Eric [illegible]. [illegible] on Station Road. Started to walk through [illegible] when I found I had lost my cigarette holder. Went back and found it by a miracle. [illegible] at [illegible] which [illegible] very angry. [illegible] [illegible] still [illegible] of my [illegible] [illegible]. Talked at dinner of [illegible] [illegible]

[Left margin, vertical:] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY JUNE 23

Explosion at 8 o'c said to be a 5 plane drawn at 5' bore. Took up car for many varnish for cottage floors. C. [illegible] about [illegible] to go back [illegible] stone. C [illegible] up [illegible]. Letter fr. Catharine about Tommie's address. [illegible] Catharine [illegible]. Plane [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] address [illegible] C. [illegible] C. to Hyde Park [illegible]. Then took to Hopkins [illegible] and [illegible] office. [illegible] Mr [illegible] about H. P. G. [illegible]. Entered [illegible] apartment [illegible] [illegible]. Changing. [illegible] for Ali [illegible] [illegible] Mrs Tad. [illegible] [illegible] C [illegible] [illegible]. Signed letter C [illegible] 5.30 Met C in train. Talking women - Changed at [illegible] [illegible] great effect [illegible] fair [illegible] before [illegible]. News [illegible] [illegible] about Alex [illegible] [illegible] from P. [illegible].

SATURDAY JUNE 24

up 8 o'c. C. appears [illegible] chest-pain. Down to squares [illegible] Wells who said he was born in Paddington off Harrow Road. Luckin and [illegible] one another pair of eye shields. Got money and stamps. Made up pay envelopes and stamped cards. Lovely day with cool wind. C. [illegible] and struggled down to [illegible] and sat in garden seat, [illegible] for herself. [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible]. I sat with her in garden. After-luncheon down to [illegible] and put [illegible] Boswell & Morris. Talk [illegible] about clipping hedge hard. Rested in bed till tea time. Did accounts with Alix. Made some more paper [illegible] for [illegible]. Talk to C. about this leg pain and partly convinced her that it was only an attack that would pass. Made drinks but said she must not have any more alcohol unless she got better. She became more cheerful. Said Pip had told her she would not eat any better. After dinner Alix & Newcombe [illegible] to the cottage.

[illegible]

SUNDAY JUNE 20

up 8 o'c. Alix left early to
spend A.M. with Mathiases.
[illegible] fog & darkness over
[illegible] dark sky [illegible]
grey [illegible]. G. did not [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
his drama "Candid Critic". To Church
and walked back wi. Evelyn few
few minutes. C. & I spoke of Minnie
and her last letters. [illegible]
[illegible] making that [illegible]
[illegible] all right. Alix came
back fr. [illegible] just in time for
luncheon. C. tells her not to
go away again without letting
us know! Strawberries & ice
cream for luncheon with
usual [illegible] of Nannie at-
[illegible] pleasant. Change into
flannels to [illegible]
[illegible] in draft cutting [illegible]
[illegible] and picked flowers [illegible]
for Charles [illegible]
[illegible] draft letter. [illegible] appear
[illegible] and Mrs Fox Scott [redacted]. [illegible]
[illegible] couldn't stay to tea. Alix
[illegible] back fr. Castle for tea. [illegible]
[illegible]

MONDAY JUNE 26

Light rain all night. C. feels better. Thinks it due to diet. Not too well walking to station. Slept most of the journey. To Waterloo to try to get my glasses left in the train. Waited half an hour and didn't get them. To office late. Bad bombing of London over week end. Mr August not in. [illegible] of current letter. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] St. Bombs quite near there. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] some badly wounded women in van to Royal Free Hospital. Blood in van and [illegible] [illegible] from blast. Tel. A. who had a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in country [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Hall [illegible] spent [illegible] to shelter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 5.30 in rain. After dinner [illegible] C. not to go to [illegible] on Wednesday

has had a [illegible] letter from [illegible]

TUESDAY JUNE 27

Up 6.40. Sent note to Jean not to come to London today. Dr C[illegible] re banking. Tel: Mrs Margerella W. [illegible] [illegible] train. Alert just as I reached Victoria. Tried underground for safety but Northern Line closed at [illegible]. Went on to Monument and changed there for Tottenham [illegible] Road; arrived office 11.30. Alert - went to shelter in basement. Robin Darwin: [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. In basement [illegible] [illegible] said "where is Mrs West" and Mrs West said "where is [illegible] W. [illegible]". Ralph [illegible] about Air Force [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] of Thursday [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] fell [illegible] lunch [illegible]. [illegible] St. Paul's which [illegible] is called The [illegible]. After [illegible] more alerts. [illegible] [illegible] called to see me about [illegible] [illegible]. Tel. H. [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Victoria. [illegible] 6.30. After [illegible] read papers. Sorted [illegible] [illegible] letters. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28

Another windy overcast day good for [illegible]-planes. W. Mrs [illegible] about Patti from whom we have not heard. W. [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] 4th [illegible] luncheon. [illegible] in [illegible] which was strangely empty. [illegible] ground to Charing X. Walk to [illegible]. Tube to [illegible] Court [illegible]. More alerts [illegible] went down to shelter [illegible] heard flying [illegible]. House [illegible] [illegible] of getting away from [illegible] More alerts. Tel before lunch to A. about lunch and just then [illegible] about [illegible] and I decided to sit tight. Tel. to [illegible]. Bomb in [illegible] [illegible] just after [illegible] left [illegible] A. [illegible] Saw Paul Eugene Scrubs [illegible] 2 [illegible] & home 5.30 Slept. C. [illegible] to have me back. After dinner [illegible]

THURSDAY JUNE 29

Quiet grey morning: Letter from
Peter & wrote his: as [illegible]
[illegible] first [illegible]: Slept in [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] till [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible] [illegible]
All [illegible] but so much [illegible]
think there will be [illegible] for [illegible]
Call from Mr [illegible] about
[illegible] [illegible] jacket. [illegible]
[illegible] Speak to K. [illegible]
[illegible] Service for the [illegible] and
Geoffrey Whitworth. Back to
[illegible]. [illegible] who has
[illegible] tickets with [illegible]
[illegible] & Scottish [illegible]
[illegible] an agreement in [illegible]
and [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] Clarence [illegible] before
[illegible] 5.30. [illegible] all [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] & [illegible]
do not [illegible]. [illegible] bought out
[illegible] so much [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] + [illegible] [illegible]
of the [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY JUNE 30

up 9.30. Bombs in the night but slept well. Notes from Mr Bell that Peter has passed into Highgate. W. Mrs Rex re Peter, Mr Bell. Out to see C. in the garden in. Mr [illegible] and [illegible]. Kept hand written copies of letters. After lunch. Talk [illegible] about painting cottage. Talk Wills about warden duty. Say Commons have announced that they will not pass [illegible] flying bombs [illegible] with flights [illegible] except. Worked out Mother's pay as you earn income tax for next 3 months. Sent cheque for [illegible] day tax wrote up wages book for the week. Cut asparagus for [illegible] in shell. Tea. Mrs Caspari called to see C. I went down to see [illegible] and he gave me cheques for my 1st year Civil Defence Service. It will be 2 years in August. Stirrup pump drill and [illegible] S. with 1 sheet [illegible] for water supplies. Alex [illegible] home. Ready to close next week on account of raids. There's [illegible]

SATURDAY JULY 1

Terrific night listening for bombs as it was my night to be on duty in case of incident. As a matter of fact there were no bombs. Alix wanted to go as usual but G. refused. Don't want her to get the habit. Down to Square for stamp and money. Alix Bought long legs to Francis and a brown ... in Stan's car. Dreadful wound in shoulder showing ... way I have put on Chevron. Paid ... and told Charles about holiday. To Black Horse for beer. Paid Mrs ... Alix went to bed and did not come down for luncheon. ... lunch ... up extra expense. Down ... and found – paid But ... alone. Told him I ... have a ... up against Castle ... Spent afternoon ... and went off to ... and ... walk. G. ... Alix ... and came down. Then G. went to sleep in sitting-room and I ... their ... Then ... ... that ... blue coat. All that are ... Drinks. After

SUNDAY JULY 2

up 8.30 Slept well. Shampoo
Breakfast wi. Alix and later
Alfreda. Her chin and neck
are slender and no more of
Oom Paul double chin effect.
Wound clocks. Rainy day. W.
Allen of Banks opens accounts
jointly in C's name in case of
my death. Read Bernstein's
"Grand Inquisitor" Radio [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] on Sunday
that express myself on C. [illegible]
[illegible] me and Napier [illegible]
chance to support [illegible] against one
After lunch Alix dressed up as
Florence Nightingale. Tried to
brush and pick out [illegible] from
the outer broad-cloth of my old fur
coat but it was an endless
hopeless task. Rained most of after-
noon. Out and picked up your
pruning. Tea. Alix did [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
on camp [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
dressed. Dinner. After dinner
Alix dressed up as [illegible] [illegible]

Monday July 3

Mr S. forgot I was not going to London and called me at 6.45. Heard guns going off with the danger [illegible] at 7.45. Sat [illegible]. Read article [illegible] papers [illegible] from [illegible] Cornhill [illegible] by Monty S. [illegible] on [illegible] and returned [illegible]. To [illegible] spent [illegible] for Alix. Looked in at [illegible] but found nothing. C. [illegible] in [illegible]. She washed [illegible] and I went to Sally. Read letter received from [illegible] as [illegible]. [illegible] and [illegible]. After lunch spent most of afternoon [illegible] and Weekly [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]. Read Dom [illegible] and it wasn't better. [illegible] in [illegible] out [illegible]. Tea [illegible] chair. Cocktail. C. [illegible] her [illegible] play. [illegible] dinner. [illegible]

TUESDAY JULY 4

Brighter morning light and ends up very hot afternoon. H. draft letter to Marty and Mrs Dixon. Underground to Charing + and walked to Cork St. and got a bottle of varnish. All clear over day. Went to Palace theatre and found that "Under Your Hat" was produced from Nov. 38 to April 1940. Alert over did when I was getting cigarettes but heard no bombs all day. Met Miss Cook of Cameo Corner and gave her H.'s ring & jewels to send. Office: dealt with correspondence and gave Miss C. my draft letters to copy. Met A. at Dorchester and American Society lunch. Speeches by Winant and Eden. To Anderson's and looked at many samples for green skirt for C. Tube to Bank and walked to Charing + underground for Victoria. Joined by Anderson at Victoria. Found C. very depressed. After dinner listened to news of great Russian

[illegible] Sumner Welles at one [illegible]

WEDNESDAY JULY 5

Slept well til six. Overcast day with breaks of sun. Read [illegible] from Crowley [illegible] in the train. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] to Highgate. Read letter from T.L. [illegible] asked at 1000 – 1100 for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Tube to St James Park Station [illegible] W. [illegible] [illegible] Arcade and hair-cut. Walk to [illegible] and found the [illegible] [illegible] about Malaya [illegible] [illegible] Bus to Grafton Street and office. Attended to urgent business; and signed letter typed from my draft. Finished letter to Daily [illegible] about [illegible] length [illegible] got given [illegible] samples from [illegible] [illegible] W. [illegible] diff letters and [illegible] [illegible] alert and bombs just as I left office. Alex turned up at Victoria and we came home together. Bomb.

THURSDAY JULY 6th

Early clear warm morning.
Heavy flights of bombers.
Robert Mathews in train to
P[illegible] [illegible] Tells of friend trapped in
bombed [illegible] in [illegible] Gate
Completed draft agreement
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
for release of [illegible] [illegible]
Train stopped for half an hour in
[illegible] in the midst of great
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of the line. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] as one
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in
connection with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Anderson [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Frederick [illegible] says
[illegible] in S. London are having
an awful time and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Signed letters, read Royal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] by bus as sky was
[illegible]. No [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY JULY 7

Rain in night and damp and cloudy morning. Breakfast wi. Alex + later G. Letter from Catharine. Sally will be left here free. Talk Humphrey about altering end of N. barn wall. Worked all morning exchanging accounts for R.D.P's legacies to staff. Passage wi. G. who says she will go up to London tomorrow to dentist and hair-dresser. ~~[illegible]~~ Before lunch. Mrs Rolfe called with letter from her Grizzly Bear Hunter Montague Stearns and might her Humane Association subscription. After lunch, rested in bed but couldn't really sleep so got up at 3.30 and dug up plantain in yard. Villa [illegible] had asked to weigh himself on our scales for a [illegible] competition. Tea wi. G. + Alex. Sybil had telephoned that she was going to a party in Salisbury so was not coming for Sunday. G. disappointed. Read [illegible] about Shelley Drawings before dinner. After dinner worked on mending [illegible]

SATURDAY JULY 8

July 7 clouds and sunshine [illegible] evening.
Breakfast 9.45 w. C. & Alix.
Down [illegible]; Saw [illegible] about A.R.P. & [illegible] Book. Paid [illegible] for Alix's shoes. C at [illegible] [illegible] money [illegible] & stamps [illegible].
C. gave Mrs [illegible], Nannie, [illegible] & Newell K.B.P.'s [illegible] Tel. Superintendent [illegible] about Alix's registration & Peter [illegible] up well [illegible]. W. [illegible] about [illegible]
After lunch, down to see Jack Bramall and then spent afternoon digging up all the planting and dandelions. C. [illegible]. Came in 6 [illegible] in N. room. Then brushed some [illegible] [illegible] my broadcloth [illegible] coat. Drinks before dinner.
After dinner [illegible] [illegible] up broadcloth [illegible] I had brushed. Evelyn says she will have Alex for [illegible] holiday. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Over Tuesday

SUNDAY JULY 9 (Shampoo)

up 7.45 Flying Bomb at 12.45 in the early morning caused explosion and destruction sound of buzzing in a high note and engine stopping. W. and C. elbows. Sat in hall in daylight reading A.R.P. notices smelled and felt chilly. C. says she will not go to Ancaster on Tuesday after all. W. Draft letter to [illegible]. Studied income tax papers & started letter to Till. After lunch changed into heavy blue tweed. Raining afternoon. W.L. having boat & fishing up pond in rain. Finished trimming my old broadcloth material from fur coat. Washed [illegible] wall. Tea in W. room. C. returned to sitting room directly after 25 minutes for her play, before she has finished and is copying. Wrote another [illegible] finding. Drinks before dinner. Talked and read papers after. C. home. [illegible] came [illegible]

MONDAY JULY 10

Great flight of bombers [illegible] the [illegible] droning & [illegible] spite of wind and clouds. A kind letter fr. A. saying she is going to have a [illegible] which we knew anyhow fr Nanny. Also [illegible] week at [illegible] in North [illegible] Oxford [illegible] Anne. Told Nanny to make [illegible] like a [illegible]. N. [illegible] to [illegible] to thank her for parcels. Asked Thomas & Munday if they wanted any letters to see Mr [illegible] tomorrow. To [illegible] but [illegible] miss [illegible]. [illegible] Mrs C. [illegible] etc. Lunch [illegible]. Arranged Royal [illegible] also. Tel. A. about her baby and [illegible] coming to cottage. Home by tube to Victoria 5.30 Just got as train was leaving. After dinner started to read [illegible] [illegible]. Alix arrived 10.30 [illegible] leaving [illegible] early.

TUESDAY JULY 11

P. Plane droned over village 1 a.c but no explosion here. Alix and Nannie up to Cuckn with ... by 9.10 Betty Mathias showed me her Lady Frankfairs image of her father Rupert. W. Chequebook Bibles last dinner. 3 time all clear and bombs all the way from Holloway to S. ... ... bricks when bombs had ... — ... ... the A.M. ... other bombs has fallen ... Nannie + Alix in separate ... : I in my usual comp. all out at Dorking but later ... back in ... train. Victoria over an hour late! Nannie Took Alix to tailor to try on her mothers altered coat and skirt. Seems ... office routine. Down in basement ... bombs coming over. Some planes. More bombs. Call from a man named ... who said he was Foreign Office and wanted money for Mrs Pritchard. Refused. W. ... Stairs. Home 5:30 Alix had ... arrived + Nannie came by 6.15 After dinner finished another Copy of ...

WEDNESDAY JULY 12

Guns and bombs in early morning. Probably P. plane shot down. Cool still weather with heavy cloud cover. W. Lindsay about putting my accounts in G. & m. is worried at cost of my shirts. W. letter declining lunch on Sat. by Ernie Tawny. Train on time going through Cheam and other [illegible] districts without stopping till Clear and Station approach of underground office. Office routine. Signed letters. Lunch with A. Clutton, told him about T. & S.'s divorce. She says [illegible] J. Clutton's [illegible] [illegible] but filled face well. [illegible] 2 [illegible] of drawing room & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. A. says the rocket that were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Both [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Worked on [illegible] letters about accounts. Home 5.30. Wait of 10 minutes at Cheam [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY JULY 13 [illegible] Colonels to smoke more

Another overcast day favourable
for flying bombs. [illegible]
on [illegible]. To Till about
[illegible] of them. Gave Miss
[illegible] letter to Till to type. Dictated.
[illegible] each at [illegible] and [illegible]
on black [illegible] ([illegible] that [illegible]
any) [illegible] ALL CLEAR.
[illegible] Mc[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] Gregory's [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Read
[illegible] Stoddart Kennedy's letter and
pamphlets against [illegible] Science
[illegible] by "Paul Revere." Draft
reply to her. Proof arrived
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] sent copies to [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] for 3.30 but
had to wait till 6.15. Talk [illegible]
[illegible] while we waited. Stopped
at all stations and arrived
at 8 o'c. Tel G. [illegible] tried walking
home. Dinner late. After dinner
usual news and music. Read
papers. G. tells me about Anglo Saxon
[illegible] which she is reading.

FRIDAY JULY 14

Quiet night. Pleasant still morning out to see [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] stuffing [illegible] up to uniform [illegible]. Got out [illegible] plates etc for village sale & to give Mrs Dalglish to make up her set. Got out electric lamps for candles & paper. Felix & [illegible] [illegible] her food rations. Read proof to end of Slump Armament. Got out mule maintenance receipts. Lunch Felix had come back for Arundel after a morning spent [illegible] to her ration book. Checked ads and paid in cheques vs. my vouchers. Felix [illegible] to Storrington on her bicycle about her ration books. Eleanor sent G. a letter from Aunt Mary hoping that Brian [illegible] be [illegible] to us! G. wild with rage. Dug potatoes [illegible] good till tea. After tea [illegible] the Hill defence [illegible]. Mrs Pettifer & Miss Millbanks. Mrs Seaward busy with her bottling fruit and her cakes for Red Cross sale tomorrow of Mrs W. Pepper. Got out [illegible] [illegible]. Drinks. Early dinner. Read papers. Music & News. G. [illegible] [illegible] finished copy of Dom

SATURDAY JULY 15

heard flying Bombs going over in
night. Up late. Breakfast in
[illegible] 9.45. Police called up about
Alix's permit to enter protected area
Saw Mrs Stork Fruit basket & Italian
[illegible]. To village for stamps & honey
Paid ones & stamped cards. To
[illegible] number of Country Gentleman to
[illegible] about mink coat. To
Black Horse & got cider. After lunch
finished [illegible] copy [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] & [illegible] over. Picked
[illegible] early apples, still green but
[illegible] all right. Weeded
[illegible] in yard. A. arrived
- picked raspberries with
[illegible]. Alix and Nanni
- Red Cross fete. Tea C. T. & A.
Sorted out some books in shed
and put a lot in salvage chest.
Talk Charley about [illegible] etc.
Alix came back with no money.
Gave her permission to go to dance
with. I had given her £1. to spend
at sale. Drinks and dinner
early. Alix [illegible] but came back
Read papers. News & music

SUNDAY JULY 16

Heavy flights of bombers in night - probably to France & back safely. Up 8. Shampoo. Breakfast in. C. 9.30. Coal still over last day. Wound clocks. Read papers. Russians very near to E. Prussia. W. A. C. to Fred about his pathetic pictures. Read letter to U.S. Treasury about Remington tax claim & made additions. A. had headache and stayed in bed till ten then and then felt better. After lunch spent afternoon cutting twigs off [illegible] [illegible] to let light into my very feeble oak grown by [illegible]. Vible and Jerry to tea. Vible brought lovely piece of patchwork as wedding present to A. Jerry changed his military service. Probably going into Commandos. [illegible] another cap, & D. Drinks and [illegible] slightly before dinner. Everybody [illegible] came to dinner. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY JULY 17

Misty morning & hot - might clear. A. left for London by 10 o'C train. Read letter fr. Helen C.B. w. draft letter of Peter. W. draft letter to Aslin, Dighton w. Cross to get H.P.C. letter down to A. ft. Came mis C. draft letter to copy. Endorsed cheques etc. Opened letters and answered them. Luncheon at Claridges with Diana and Anne Attwells. Diana went to [illegible] her a set of [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] came back with me to [illegible] [illegible] and my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I left her at [illegible] and got the skirt for making [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. A telephoned about [illegible] her carpet. [illegible] 5.30. Robert & Mamie [illegible] at [illegible] & John to meet them. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After dinner C. tried on skirt [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] about [illegible] the [illegible]

TUESDAY JULY 18

Anniversary of Mother-in-law's death. Spoke of her to C. Great flights of bomb(?)ers before 5 & 6. Dozed(?) in train all the way to London to rest my eyes. Pleasant clear morning. (?) but away East of London. All clear on arrival. Took to Holborn, Anderson out so left C's cuttings(?) simply at Carrys(?) Chapel. Got Dispatch Case at Cadbury(?). Many invitations. Took case back to C. to be marked. Took 3 vols of Sexton(?) to W.A.D. and left with Mrs Copland. Lunch Plough. Took C's skirt to Anderson to be finished. W. draft letter to Atkins(?) Robinson et al. Completed letter to N.S. Treasurer about Remarques(?) on committee. Home by midi(?) ground 0130 after only one alert in afternoon and one flying bomb over office. C. dozy(?) & getting out of hand. Advised(?) & she blamed(?) me. At tea with her. After dinner

WEDNESDAY JULY 19

[illegible], agreed that she must see
[illegible] of Alex. Once got moving
[illegible] nice start today, take
[illegible] the [illegible] gate posts.
[illegible] most of the way in
rain and half [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] to Vittoria
under ground to [illegible] &
[illegible] Walked to Covent Garden
[illegible] I got a big basket of
black cherries for [illegible]
left — Q's [illegible] [illegible] up [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
letters from [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] I got off my letter to
S.T. [illegible] about [illegible]
letter from Marian Saunders
who proposes to be a sister of
[illegible] [illegible]. Lunch [illegible].
Read [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] friend of [illegible]
[illegible]. Read [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 5:30 [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] station while I waited, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible].

THURSDAY JULY 20
Bomb apparently or drones 6.45
Read story and p. plans
Talk Humphrey about gate posts.
Tuck taking his maps and Peter
up to Pantham Hm for holiday in
Shropshire. Still very much dazed
Dozed in train. Alert for E
London and gather. Gates
office found staff in shelter
[struck through word] I had not asked any
approaching plane. They said
we had been in and out
a dozen times already today.
Many vacations. Worked on
Geography proof. Long call
Ben Cable. Darwin. Gave
him Paverisham for Lady
Cudlery Tonight. Finish
Mrs. Tav. Signed letter etc.
Looked at Eddie Marsh's proof
corrections of Dearmer as check
Desk practically clear. Home
6.20 in All Clear. Took home
milk for Mrs Mary [illegible]; [illegible]
had seen no goods for family's cost
After dinner. Read papers and
[illegible] to nine. W. [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY JULY 21

up 7.0 c. Cool since east day [illegible] little Littlehampton cleaning. Alex in to Littlehampton for the shopping + to the police. Nice letter from Jimmie. Not in taking any worries about Statley. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] because to [illegible] first [illegible] [illegible] had given [illegible] for Statley. [illegible] Dendy back 5-30 [illegible] on paper at 1.00. Down to Black Rabbit to get cider and light ale. Report on attempted assassination of Hitler [illegible] to indicate [illegible] situation in Germany. I think there may be break up soon [illegible] [illegible]. Alex came back from Littlehampton without police because she had forgotten her identity book. [illegible] [illegible] she had [illegible] [illegible] part [illegible] [illegible] helping me. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] talking [illegible] back from France [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Trimmed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Worked on Ada's [illegible]. Dinner.

SATURDAY JULY 22

Flying bomb might past from E. W. W. at great about 4.30 A.M. Seen by many. Up. 7.45. News from Germany of widespread conspiracy. Rain all night. Damp morning. [illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible] from A's [illegible]. [illegible] arranged about [illegible] holiday. Tel. Police about Alix's bicycle and the [illegible] in her name. Stamping cards. [illegible] news from Germany, but there seems to be a lot of disaffection. After lunch w. draft letter to Major [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] for a [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] to spend. Talked to Jack [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Brought up [illegible] [illegible] cut from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. A. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Rubbed dubbin on Alix's sandals. Took [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Alix & gave her [illegible] & [illegible]. Talk [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to get [illegible] out of [illegible] and

SUNDAY JULY 23

up 8.0 C. Another overcast day
cleaned closets. 3 put on morning
morning 2 double beds in 5 —
cottage for A. with Charles and
Violet. E. came [illegible] after
her nice dinner and I asked her
specifically [illegible] but she
she closed in other plans [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. A. [illegible] all
morning. After lunch she went
to play again with [illegible]. I
fixed up fire — timing [illegible] I had
taken out of my coat. Then
I spent afternoon weeding planting
in yard. Interrupted by telephone
from Ruth Violet & Canton [illegible]
who wants [illegible]. Soap and
Bubbles almost [illegible]. She
knows I have been [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Cert [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. E. [illegible]
[illegible]. A. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. A.
came down [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
friend. After dinner she told
us about [illegible] & Psychic [illegible]
she had been reading [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Christmas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C.

MONDAY JULY 24

Another overcast day. A. bar to Lympne 7 o'c. Carole jumped in Mrs S.... at 5.30. Letter fr. Bill will take Peter to his own house. W. Mrs Bowers about this blackberrying & Mrs Bacon, & Coventry in train. Tubs D... Hol Club. Spent morning on ... and opening letters. Tel. fr. man who advertised ... coat in Estate Magazine. Second ... & said coat was sold. To A & N & got 1 bottle of gin but couldn't get any lifes. Luncheon Foothey. My friend on holiday. Signed letters and ... a few. Heard that the Spirit ... I was coming back full in Oxygin Suit. Jarom at 8.30. Anderson & ... fr. P. back to Ambulance. G. said that Charles & ... could not make ... how big bed ... so I put it up before & after dinner. Finished at 11.15 ... dark. A ... on ... well

TUESDAY JULY 25

[illegible] [illegible] on any [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] great [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] all right. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Mrs [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] letter to Mr [illegible], & Mrs
[illegible] [illegible] Thomas & Mr [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Victoria
to Alex's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] Anderson [illegible]
will be ready tomorrow. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] at
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] A's [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] Mrs C. draft
letter to copy & [illegible]. Mrs H[illegible]. [illegible]
Mrs [illegible] in my [illegible] [illegible].
Tel. [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] &
[illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] black [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] letters. [illegible] photographs
[illegible] & got out [illegible] letters
for [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] before & after dinner [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] up [illegible].

WEDNESDAY JULY 26 –

To bed 12 o'c & up 6.40.
Had Charlie's arrival change bed
with him this morning. Ashdown
then. Left A's gramophone at
Bank. Got 1 box of matches.
Wrote draft letter for Mrs C. to
Cathy. Tel. Burgess and arranged
for appointment for Mrs C. N.
Keith E. C. Fairholme. St.
Francis Court. Alert while
I was coming home and then
heard a bomb at the [illegible].
Nearly cleared my desk.
Tel. A. this morning and she said
she might as well come to
[illegible] for a bit as she had
nowhere else to go. Tel. from
R.A.F. welfare representative will
call tomorrow. Went and bought
ticket for [illegible] at [illegible] &
got C.'s new green check skirt
from S.4. Made dinner for
us. Charles and discussed that her
matters have [illegible] – must be
cut down. After dinner, made up
my drawers & papers. C. came
to accept R.A.F. [illegible].

THURSDAY JULY 27

Finished packing baggage & gave to Smith to take to station. Paid my etc. Raining rough morning & frequently all day. Helping & having W. draft letter to June 2 offering [illegible] on his [illegible]. Office cleared desk. Chief [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]. Talk Syrian [illegible] & [illegible]. W. [illegible] [illegible] Dept. Staff Quar-ters [illegible]. Call fr. Dir [illegible] appreciation about Amherst College. Desk abso-lutely clear. Several "Alerts" and "all Clears" in succession. Goodbye to staff. Alert as I left. Delayed in underground and barely caught train. Home. Out on to cottage with Charley & Kathy & Nannie who gave me all of evening for A. & C. [illegible] arranged flannels. Packed after dinner & news. Bed 1 A.M.

FRIDAY JULY 28

up 6.45. Finished last bit of packing. Goodbye to Alex who goes to Castle Kennedy on [illegible]. Cloudy day, good for flying bombs. C. & I go to Golders with mountain of luggage [illegible] get [illegible] at Dorchester. W. Mac [illegible] on train about Alex. Left bag at Dorchester. Took rest of luggage [illegible]. To dentist, [illegible] that they had confirmed appointment and he [illegible] [illegible]. C. had [illegible] at [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] draft letter to [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Carlo. [illegible] and left [illegible] Connaught Hotel. Soon there was an alert and [illegible] went across [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] bomb dropped [illegible] [illegible]. Alfredo [illegible] [illegible] of the Connaught and [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible] had a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Then C. & I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Goodbye to staff + tax[i] to St[?] [illegible] 4.45. Long queue for train but got in, but [illegible] [illegible] and got corner seat. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sandwiches + ginger beer. Changed

SATURDAY JULY 29

Woke up to rainy day. No outlook from our cottage room. Hotel very clean. Cut little [illegible] for [illegible] walls & with my [illegible] becom[illegible] managed my lavatory operation — arranged my luggage and clothes. And C. did the same but feeling very discouraged about it all. C. very tired and rested in bed and I explored [illegible] path beyond garden after rain cleared up. Read [illegible]. American [illegible] well beyond Cortina. Hope that Florence will be opened [illegible] [illegible] not seem to be much of a village but some pretty scattered cottages and gardens. Good luncheon but other guests uniformly dreary through all the meal, very nice. No one seems to use big smoking room. C. and I walked out a bit and she felt more cheerful. We rested in our room until tea time and after tea C. went up to rest again and I went for a walk up hill on "no through road" ending up past ugly little church to a [illegible] path in woods and pastures. Bath [illegible] before dinner. We sat alone in smoking room after dinner, then [illegible] bed to [illegible] at 10 o'c.

SUNDAY JULY 30

Raining: dull morning: up at
7.45. Shampoo but not bath. I
had breakfast first and read
Observer while G. did hers. More
about American success under Gen.
Bradley. G. out in town. Got
[illegible] papers and wrote(?)
letter to A. said we hoped Brian
was with her at Amberley over
Sunday. Walked about village and
across valley and up road crossing
hill along Park road. G and I had
walked the garden and on after
rain. Day grew warmer and sun
came out. After lunch sat in
lounge and read papers. Then up
to bed and slept till tea-time
feeling a little less tired - but
[illegible]. Down to tea and then G.
went for stroll across valley.
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] falling [illegible]
[illegible]. When we got back they
had gone and G. got tea and
[illegible] her flat. I [illegible] up and
had bath and [illegible]. After
very good dinner we sat in [illegible]
[illegible] and I worked on Observer
[illegible] puzzle. Listened to news and
had drinks. Out for walk by cottage
gardens and met little black & white cat.

MONDAY JULY 31

Lovely early morning; walked in garden & picked sweet peas with Miss Morley. Read papers. Florence still in danger. Letter from Martyn Skinner. Waited about for taxi which arrived at 11.30 drove past Haddon Hall to Bakewell then on through Chatsworth Park and then up to Birchover with its sandstone quarries and Druid remains. Cost 19/-. C. felt very tired after lunch, and we went away up to rest. I slept like a log but she thought she didn't sleep at all and got up cross. Weather had changed and seemed thundery - dark and heavy. Tea in our own room. Walk up the hill to right and again right past apparently empty big brown stone house. Bath etc before dinner leaving C. a gin & lime to cheer her up. After dinner sat in dusk in sitting room. Air very warm and damp. Came out to lounge for nuts & whisky & ginger ale. Read Spectator. Out for stroll to bridge where the rivers meet. Bed at 10.0 - C. has tired

Tuesday AUGUST 1

G. slept badly. Cats caterwauling
on roof below our shed. Threw jug
of water at them. Another dark
thundery morning and no sun all
day. Pottered about and read
Times. Russians sweeping on and
Americans progressing in Normandy.
Walk up and past station to
meet Ally [illegible] railway yard. Got
stamps at Denmead [illegible] village shop
W. Jas Fairbairn and Marty
Skinner. After lunch sat in lunch
room and then up to rest. Down
for tea in smoke room. G.
[illegible] copying her play. Weird
feels [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] W. F. [illegible]
Alix + Peter. G. & I went for little walk
to church and looking at [illegible]
Victorian monument to young [illegible]
and [illegible] of Robert Mathews.
G. had [illegible] and I had my back
exercises. After dinner sat in smoke
room where there was a fire.
Certainly have slight sore throat.
G. always copying her play. Talked
about [illegible] alfresco in [illegible].
G. [illegible] tonight for. A. thought [illegible]
it ought to be a [illegible]. [illegible] not
[illegible] by the [illegible] of [illegible]
national [illegible]. Cat [illegible] about
11.30

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2[illegible]

Both slept well. Saw [illegible] out
[illegible]. Morning damp & rain.
up late. Read Times and settled down
in smoking room about 11.15. W[illegible]
draft letter to Jasper Ridley about
[illegible] whose [illegible] to place
crossing a mine field on Dec. 13
[illegible] is announced in Times. [illegible]
and walk across Derwent bridge
and up a foot path then along
[illegible] up to the Chesterfield Road
where I talked to an old man at [illegible]
cottages about the cutting of the trees
and the Derwent [illegible] separating the
parishes of Darley and [illegible]
Talk to [illegible] of the hotel who
[illegible] this line. After lunch slept
out in smoking room and went
up early to rest. My feet were cold
so I had a hot water bath. Slept
deeply and woke up refreshed, but
C. did not sleep and got up with
a headache. Out for [illegible] [illegible] then
gave us [illegible]. Copied letter
to Jasper Ridley. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and done rather late for dinner.
Sat in smoking room by fire
and I started Times [illegible] puzzle
listening from 10. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Finished + [illegible], Bed 11.[illegible]

THURSDAY AUGUST 3

Another dark early misty day
given up idea of trip to Exeter.
Letter from Nap. early. Harry thinks
hope Davis may be off. Changing
into long plus fours [illegible] weather.
News good from all fronts. Letters
and [illegible] for him after [illegible] one
one from Aunt Mary J. [illegible]
expressing great weakness. Sat
in smoking room with C. Read, [illegible]
left C. alone copying her play and
walked up Castle Hill Road to
high ground [illegible] but still
velvety. Picked thistle and heather. Felt
Back for luncheon and found C.
still copying in stuffy room.
[illegible] went out for fifteen minutes
in garden and then had [illegible] there
Back to smoking room where
there was a fire. Started Times cross word
puzzle but must not go on as
it's tiring and keeps me up too
late. Up to rest at 2.30. Before
that C. went and she [illegible] again
with headache. Tea in smoking
room - nice [illegible] fire and door open
to garden. 4.30. [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] over [illegible]. Sun came out and
[illegible] along [illegible] in perfect summer
weather. Bath [illegible]. [illegible] - smoking room.

FRIDAY AUGUST 4

up 10 o'c. Day promising and we
made our plans for Buxton.
Read paper. Americans at Dinant
and British partisans fighting
Germans in Warsaw. Fighting the
Russians at the gates. Bus full
so took train. Reached Buxton in
half an hour. Ordered lunch
at Old Hall Hotel. Left E. on bench
facing Crescent after a drink
at St Anne's Well, and got money
at Westminster Bank on day pass. Then
tried garages for car and finally
succeeded in engaging one up
Sandwich. Lunch at Old Hall
and then car called for us and we
had a lovely drive about parks and
streets of Buxton. Devonshire
hospital. St Anne's Church. Jewish
hotel with old Jews sitting round a
table. 18th century Georgian houses
in parks, opera house, gardens
glasshouses. Shown our beautiful
Pavilion Hall in Crescent, out to
Millers Dale. There big [illegible] local
with immense plants [illegible] as
at Bowden. Bus again full so came
back by train. Reached Manchester just
before 5 o'c. for tea. [illegible]
[illegible]. Sat in smoking room & read the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Bath etc. finally bed
[illegible] 9. Stuff after dinner.

SATURDAY AUGUST 5

Woke up to sunny morn &
noticed that on [illegible] bandaged
night & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] Express. No times.
up [illegible] [illegible] found [illegible]
a train to [illegible] from [illegible]
on Monday at 3.20. [illegible]
[illegible] up [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] gone to [illegible]
and doubtful if back in time.
C. always copying her play, says she
will [illegible] this evening. I walked
up hill [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and as she had not come we
waited [illegible] Wye [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] first of [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] day. C. says she has
finished copying play. After [illegible]
Sat in [illegible] [illegible] out-
of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
up [illegible] as usual and [illegible]
[illegible] at 4.30. [illegible]
till [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and C. got [illegible]
we helped her up [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
Started packing. Bath. [illegible]

SUNDAY AUGUST 6

up late to a cool misty day again. Washed and packed, [illegible] [illegible] at breakfast. Mrs S. [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Sat [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] again that she [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Sat in lounge. Saito 5 read [illegible] [illegible] play. First act opens with [illegible] on till nearly one o'c. Felt cold and we went out for little walk. [illegible] lagged behind [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] got warm. After lunch read [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] good but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] up [illegible] and down again [illegible] at 4.15. Mrs Wray came with tea at 5 o'c. Big luncheon [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cleared and [illegible] a fine afternoon. To [illegible] [illegible] gardens were open. Most charming and picturesque. Tall 10 foot [illegible] [illegible] and pink [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] walls. On [illegible] and up to the house at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dinner. Saw [illegible] [illegible]. Nine

MONDAY AUGUST 7.

up 7.45. Misty early morning
clearing. [illegible] day. Letter fr.
A. at Cottage which she says she
finds a bit boring. Letter fr.
Miss Bowie who [illegible] determined
to get Felix to Mrs Klein's. W. [illegible]
that she can have [illegible] & she will
put up Felix and [illegible] and
[illegible]. We will have
[illegible] in [illegible] House. Paid bill
£32. for 10 days. Finished [illegible]
[illegible] 1 hat. in garden and [illegible]
along [illegible] [illegible] lines with [illegible]
[illegible] to big leaves. Many of
[illegible] and others [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] interest except [illegible]
[illegible] 12. [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] lunch. [illegible] came
at 2.30. We got all [illegible]
and reached [illegible] station at
2.45 for 3.20 Train around [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] gave [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] got [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible]. Slept [illegible]. [illegible]
and [illegible] for tea. [illegible]
[illegible] at. 5 [illegible]. [illegible] got Felix [illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible]. [illegible]

TUESDAY AUGUST 8

[illegible]. Slept as not [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the A.M. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] nothing in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] 10:30 A. [illegible] A. and [illegible] 2 [illegible] this A.M. at [illegible] [illegible] 5 [illegible] [illegible] all right so far. Went thro' letters and drafted replies for Mr. C. to copy. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]. Mr. W. [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] all right [illegible] [illegible] P.M. Mr. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Went to [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. Entered [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] to Hyde Park [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] Park. C. in [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 21 st birthday party, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]... [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] out all day. [illegible] [illegible] papers. C. tel. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Tel. fr. S [illegible]. [illegible]. Dinner. Stroll in Park.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9

Sheet at 70°C and all think about 80°C. Breakfast in room, G. in bed [illegible] — perhaps in [illegible] pairs. To get [illegible] that. Burgess closed the [illegible] office 10.30. Mended trousers that have split in crease on knee. Call from Alfred Joseph doing well enough. Says he needs [illegible] go back to [illegible]. Drafted letters for Mr C. & copy. Lunch Mrs. Hao. Weather [illegible] [illegible] she is Italian from [illegible] Worked on Jacket for new supply [illegible] Stonnells Jackson [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Park Crown & [illegible] in [illegible] room. Then she went to see Rally Woolley ill [illegible] [illegible] M. & B. [illegible]. Maples to dinner [illegible] [illegible]. All went to see Woolley after dinner & then talked downstairs. Nancy could not get a [illegible] & [illegible] from a [illegible] [illegible] 15/- [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] soon [illegible] after I had gone asleep

THURSDAY AUGUST 10

Woke up to all clear signals at 6.30. Breakfast in room. Talk Bea about Meningitis. Thinks he has enough dirt but admits nothing [illegible] not from him. Aleck has Ill. Clear when I [illegible] office. [illegible] Recess for Alex. Talk Mrs Mead and Mr [illegible]. Went over Mr Luther [illegible] has [illegible] Mayor Tennant. Freeman Stone [illegible] jacket. Called Mr Hamel about diamond bracelet [illegible] Plough. Call fr. Fet. Ht. Ronald Williamson about [illegible] at [illegible] W. letters for Mr O. W. copy home [illegible] like [illegible]. Walkers [illegible] Park Carrick and Theo's Park. Tea Mr. C. in his room. Return dressed and dinner W. [illegible] Max in Bull. [illegible] another. Anne Sargent. Boyer [illegible]. Mrs [illegible] O Tom [illegible] Dan. [illegible] eight minutes. Set for dinner [illegible]

FRIDAY AUGUST 11

Bright sunny morning
but heavy flying bomb
attack at 7 o'c & heard
half a dozen explosions
and near passage overhead.
Packed. Breakfast in town.
Office 10 o'c. Worked out
profit for paper & quite un-
satisfactory. Out to lunch. Tried
2 Plough & Mariners (?) [illegible].
Tried to go to Zimmerman's (?) [illegible] St
Restaurant but found it closed
also Jardin des Gourmets closed.
Finally went to Stone's Chop Grill
poor food and expensive.
Heat and warning bell. Miss Cook
hesitated on stairs, tried to let
one pass and finally ran along to
ground floor passage instead of
going down stairs. Made a report
about her. Several bombs fell.
W. [illegible] & Joy [illegible] about
Salads and other native foods etc.
Today there was so much delay in publishing
to Dorchester & had the W. C. who had
gone to a cinema when I asked her not to
[illegible] there during bombing. C. - 10
[illegible] 5:30 W. [illegible] of luggage
[illegible], Anderson, & Phelps at [illegible]

SATURDAY AUGUST 12

[illegible] up 8.30 Breakfast [illegible] Alfred and C. came down before [illegible] finished. Down [illegible] and got cash and stamps. Gave A. [illegible] for making up my cash weekly. Talk Church. [illegible] grapes and flowers for glass [illegible]. Must give them [illegible] will try to [illegible] then for Christmas. 3 stamped cards. Alfred and Alix at [illegible]. Down to Black Horse and got some [illegible]. Gave [illegible] his pay envelope and saw his Passion flower. He will give us [illegible]. Down to [illegible] and paid Brownell and Morris. Talk [illegible] off dead [illegible] branch outside coal shed. Picked some early apples [illegible] Mrs [illegible] brought a [illegible] but [illegible] gone to [illegible] grass in orchard. [illegible] and we had [illegible]. C. felt ill and [illegible] upstairs. I [illegible] [illegible] found C. downstairs on sofa feeling ill. Got her a basin. Dinner [illegible].

[illegible]

SUNDAY AUGUST 13

C. woke up feeling better
Shampoo. Breakfast 9.45
Wound clocks. Worked
all morning with Peter
moving books to farm
Cottage to make space for
him in studio. C. feeling
so well she thought she
might come down after
tea. Peter and I worked
again all afternoon carrying
boxes of [illegible] to shed
[illegible] stitched black sequins
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
across studio to shoot up
the storage part. Cat-[illegible]
from Cake. In for tea. C.
feeling worse. Looks rather
yellow. Hope it is not
jaundice. Peter finished
after tea. Charming off.
After dinner fixed up lamp
by his bed. Did accounts
with Alix. Whisky & water

MONDAY AUGUST 14.

up 6.45. Alex & Peter up just as I left. Started Peter's allowance at 2/6 a week. Gave him my white canvas gym shoes. C. seems no better looks very rattled and feels wretched. Told Nemeth to look up wind-fall apples under [illegible] but they won't be many this year. Asked Charlie to lay [illegible] up a place for geese to feed as [illegible] food. C. Humphreys still away to make up for Bert's holiday. Rushed in [illegible] all the [illegible] Bridges for Crowther to get my hair cut. Felt faint and had a guinness + chicken at Horseshoe. Endorsed cheques etc. to Bridges & had my hair cut. Lunch. Att. Talk. Wallace Connelly. To Apple Home — collected [illegible] wedding present from A. Seely. Mr Lambert Jones showed me damage. Opened letters at office. Home 6.30. C. seems to have bilious attack

TUESDAY AUGUST 15

Another cloudy day.
Talk C. Humphrey at work
an old gate. Rested and
slept all morning in train.
Take to office. Mr Hawkins
already there to talk to me
about his appointment as
manager of Brighton
[illegible]. Letter fr. Baxter.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] 12
[illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. N.
draft letter. Lunch [illegible]
Mr Bowie [illegible] [illegible]
Six-storied [illegible] [illegible] to
be an old man. Signed letter
arranging for Mr B. to visit
[illegible] N. etc. Meet at
[illegible] and another at office
but heard no [illegible]. [illegible] 5.30
C. on [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. Tel.
[illegible] to come tomorrow.
[illegible] to dinner - [illegible]
[illegible]. Talk C. Alfred
[illegible] 3. of [illegible]. Finished
paragraph account for [illegible]
Ray Graham spoke to him at lunch

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16

Another lovely harvest day
D. looked very pallid when I went
to say good day. Gave over
two unemployment cards for
office & more letters. Talk [illegible]
about gate & pressed him for posts
and file back. Rested all the way
to London. All clear when I
arrived. Miss West going to consult
[illegible] Hospital about [illegible]
[illegible]. Dictated two draft letters
looked out Jaspers letters
sending [illegible] Cecilia. Sent F.O.
[illegible] Cadogan, knowing of all [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
by direct hit. Called C. [illegible]
[illegible] about Cecilia's other
[illegible] not very happy. Tried
to get clear, put [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] comment. Drafted letter
to Cecilia enclosing letter from
Dabbler. Alert just as I was about
to leave office. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and all clear by the time I reached
Charing X. Home 5.30 Changed at
[illegible] and got C.'s [illegible].
[illegible] C. [illegible]. She had dinner [illegible]
[illegible]. A [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
continued

THURSDAY AUGUST 17

C. heard an alarm in night and called out. Went back to bed. [illegible] in the morning [illegible] A. put in my [illegible]. Then [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] A. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] in an [illegible] [illegible]. I finally got up and went into C's room between 2–3 o'c. and we had a quiet [illegible]. Spoke [illegible] again after [illegible] [illegible] did [illegible] [illegible] Mr Mathews [illegible] [illegible] himself [illegible] as far as [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Rev. [illegible] call [illegible] C. [illegible] whose [illegible] [illegible]. Signed father's talk [illegible] and decided to [illegible] Barclays Str 6/- [illegible] on [illegible] of [illegible]. Many Alerts and All Clears. Had to walk fr. Strand to Charing X. Station. But All Clear at Victoria 5.20 p.m. Mr Mathews and [illegible] at Peterborough. C. [illegible] out [illegible] piano. Alix in bed with sick headache. Vivien [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in cottage but

FRIDAY AUGUST 18

up late and Mrs Crook did my
room while I had my bath.
C. had breakfast in bed and
knitted all morning coming down
only for luncheon. Talk [illegible]
about his work. Clearly harvesting
onions. Took him down to orchard
and decided on plan for picking
our early apples. We have no
late ones. Sat in studio with
Peter and talked about his studies
Venice Morley and A. at luncheon
and V. left after 2. All very
pleasant. Talk C. about Cottage
and plans for [illegible] in our [illegible]
Talk [illegible] about shelves in
cottage kitchen cupboard and window
in engine room. Worked with Peter
emptying upholstered box from
London making for his clothes. A.
made some [illegible] custard for
children. F and C's skiing [illegible] and
[illegible] pair of brown [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] of monthly book
and [illegible] knife of A's which
she said Peter might have.
Tea with C. in N. room. [illegible]
[illegible] Peter and cleared out
[illegible] desk. Drinks before dinner
After dinner took [illegible] over to cottage
[illegible] A. [illegible] she [illegible]
[illegible] as [illegible] Weather [illegible] and

Wonderful [illegible]

SATURDAY AUGUST 19

Woke six. Thought I give Tubbie's room to Peter and Betty Alix have studio where she can play gramaphone without disturbing anyone. Up 8 o'c. Breakfast in bed again and up ready for luncheon. Sat in Tubbie's room and talked ... Spoke to Charles about ... for Peter and Tubbie's room ... to put potatoes in garage. Then went to ... apples. Down to ... for ... money ... Made up envelopes, paid ... and stamped cards. Alix had gone to ... and Peter ... Tubbie's room floor. Started ... apple racks in Tubbie's Room. A. at luncheon. Peter and I completed ... apple shelves and moved in furniture ... including my ... cupboard from London. ... Stopped for tea and had telephone call from ... asking ... to put up ... and his 3 children and ... wife. A. & ... agreed went ... Peter's room ... studio. ... Tubbie ... dinner ... Alix & Peter. ...

(Left margin, written vertically: ... this ...)

SUNDAY AUGUST 20

up 7 o'c. Called Peter & Alix at 7.30 and they made their beds according to my new plan. Breakfast with them at 8 o'c. Rainy morning. A. staying in bed again. Sat with her a little and then started moving furniture w. Peter and Alix. Got out table for Alix and coffee stool and book cases for their bedrooms for Peter and he built fire in Tutor's room. Peter and I started in cottage arranging it for his office. Got Mr Kettle and Charley to move beds etc. & tipped for him etc. Then worked again all afternoon with some help from Peter. A. left before tea to spend few days with Bruce. Sent Anie my regards and invitation to come play with her next time. After tea got Charley and fixed up 2 little twin beds in old nursery, & sofa in sitting room. Dinner with [illegible] dressing and worked after dinner. C. does not want [illegible]

C. [illegible] and tired & [illegible]

MONDAY AUGUST 21

up 7 o'c. Called children already awake. C. said she felt better and was getting up. Told Charlie about [illegible] [illegible] out of [illegible]. Told Peter to start [illegible] [illegible] and French. Told to [illegible] pulling up [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] in train but [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] 12. to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to 5.4 train. [illegible] B's [illegible] at Mrs [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] to Mr. [illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible] Sandwich at Mrs T[illegible]. [illegible] called about [illegible] [illegible]. Started to copy letter to [illegible]. Home 5.4 [illegible] S's [illegible] met at [illegible] [illegible] to house after dinner. C. [illegible] chairs [illegible] back for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After dinner [illegible] down carpet in [illegible] room. C. [illegible] [illegible] when I talked about [illegible] French [illegible] [illegible] all night after. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible]. good

TUESDAY AUGUST 22

Woke before six and planned what to do for Flying Officer & Mrs Harris. Breakfast. Pro one intelligence re papers up 8.45. Peter comes for the flat alone; told him to work with Alix - leave them work. Spoke to Nannie, Mr S, Butler, Humphrey, Charlie, C., about getting Collage Library. Visited in train a ... safety ... Sent no knife knife, Patricks Fund, Rose for 5 gloves. Tel. Fox about milk lunch Plough. Got matters and copy of Peter's ... for Peter. Call from Mr Boot about Ronald Edwards's Reminiscences. 3.45 train home. Found Flying Officer Cordran and his wife and 3 children Leslie, Penelope & Timothy getting out of train with me at Aldeburgh. Perfect summer scene. Walked home and they followed in taxi. They were pleased with everything and all went well. After dinner Alix visited

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23

up 6.40. Heavy Gun practice.
Knocked in on Goodman's & Pearl's
Straggling with the baby Timothy
who was crying, while trying
to light kitchen fire. Seemed
pretty difficult start for
[illegible] to the cheerful. Spoke
to G. about Peter French but
she appeared to be half asleep
and [illegible] in pain.
I kept in taking. Lovely day in
[illegible]. Finally got Canada
letter copied and dispatched
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Worked on Royal
Newmarket [illegible] and [illegible]
them to L. Edwards to check.
[illegible] 5.30 Changed at P'boro.
Found [illegible] only [illegible] porter of
P'boro who [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] night & [illegible] [illegible] 13.
[illegible] [illegible] had a good
day. Coal arrived. After dinner,
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] old [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY AUGUST 24

C. got up to London to have her hair permanently waved. Diana Mathias at station taking up a naked doll to be mended. C. & I in 1st class carriage. Roumania out of war. W. draft letter to Evans about army in the ... and to Major ... about a ... for ... ... V. ... letter ... ... C. says ... has half ... ... to ... ... C. ... St. ... ... photograph ... ... talk ... ... Williamson about ... ... W. draft letter for Mrs C. ... Lunch ... Talk ... ... about ... ... M. ... Think ... ... of Warsaw ... of Paris has really been taken. W. ... ... about ... C. ... to Victoria in rain & ... C. ... ... 5.30. ... ... C. ...

FRIDAY AUGUST 25

Amberley. Sunny day - up 7.30 to call Chaplain. Breakfast with him at 9 o'C. Got out pictures with Peter for his show & a lot of old pictures that he thinks he can sell. Talk F.O. gunner who says he is not a mathematician so he wanted not to be used. Peter Geometry. He was a portrait painter before the war. Found G. pale and exhausted on studio floor after picking flowers. After luncheon talked to Sophie who is well after her chill. Talk Flying Officer Gunner who is a portrait painter in civil life. Spent afternoon digging up [illegible] in yard. [illegible] all stripped to waist. Peter [illegible] old picture frames. Mr Wells says they call plantain "white man's footsteps" in New Zealand. After tea started Peter on his daily [illegible]. Up to see Margery Witham to find what fire guard equipment she has got and report. Talk Vicar who has moved his house in Amberley and bought one in Storrington. [illegible] [illegible] just C. Day. After dinner Peter

SATURDAY AUGUST 26

up 7.15 and called children at 7.30. Morning mist clearing to beautiful still bright summer day. Down to [illegible], cut stamps money, wash plat for [illegible], [illegible], + [illegible] [illegible]. Talk to [illegible] + [illegible] about Fire guard equipment. Made up [illegible] and paid men. Made list of Fire Guard stuff. Altered cable [illegible] [illegible] to Agricultural class so that he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After lunch, finished accounts etc. Down to [illegible] and paid [illegible] + [illegible]. Arranged for [illegible] to get C. [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Children working all day on Castle [illegible]. Spent afternoon fixing electric lamp in [illegible] room. Cut [illegible] corn and fed stalks to geese. Tea N. [illegible] C. + children. [illegible] [illegible] might come for [illegible] + might not. Cut [illegible] to [illegible] light in [illegible] room + ball [illegible] in [illegible], [illegible] Mr. Williams arrived to see [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Talk after

SUNDAY. AUGUST 27

Lovely morning. Heavy bombers went here last night and two flying bombs in this district 7.15 [illegible] clocks. Spent morning with Flt. Lt. Williamson and flying officer Goodman moving furniture. We finished left bedroom in cottage. A good many things beds and chests of drawers could not be got in. Stopped for luncheon and went on after, Charles helping. Finally Charles and I worked in salon. Got it in fair order. Stopped for tea and then at it again after dinner fitting lamps to the electric points. De Gaulle [illegible] in Paris. While I was working C. talked to Williamson and said it seemed to be too cold and damp for airmen after October. Read letter from [illegible] and looked

MONDAY AUGUST 25

up 6.40. Breakfast 8.20 a.m.
Pkt. Lt. W'ms dr. I. Jim ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
way to station and he and J
walked in train. W. draft letter
to Ralph. Olga, Busy, Dearly [illegible]
dozen [illegible], I take to office.
Found burglar had entered, [illegible]
[illegible] Mr. Dent desk & other [illegible]
furniture [illegible] — spring certificate
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Cat-[illegible] 2 black [illegible] [illegible]
Read Lionel Edwards's Reminiscences
Pleasant but not well written and
not very interesting. I went
[illegible] to Strand to [illegible] & [illegible]
Closed when I went to V[illegible]
Home 5.14. Stopped [illegible] Mr. Martin
[illegible] a [illegible] for Peter. They told
me that [illegible] was back &
probably [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
betting on [illegible]. Stopped to
[illegible] at Mr. Parlett's but he
said he was [illegible] for a week's
holiday and couldn't [illegible]
it. [illegible] [illegible] attic room now
cleaned [illegible], [illegible] carpet. Gave
Peter old picture [illegible] for canvas
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Tanna [illegible] wedding day.
C. going to Brighton Ch. & [illegible]
[illegible]. Long class morning. Spoke
to Charles about [illegible] Chair
for [illegible] & told Humphrey to
make [illegible] down. Slept in
train after smoking a cigarette
All these and [illegible] by [illegible]
without having to [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] about Peter's [illegible]
and clothes. Tried again to get
Highgate School on telephone but no
answer so wrote about Peter's
clothes. Tel [illegible]. [illegible]
that [illegible] has gone to [illegible]
of Man so won't be coming to
[illegible] this week. Went [illegible]
[illegible] check & copied down
items to [illegible]. Felt curiously
faint and sick. Thought I
would go to Frascati's in the hope
of getting something light & delicate
but best I could do was ham,
soup, scrambled egg / powder
and soggy toast! [illegible] letter
and walked in street about. . .
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

Charley [illegible] out by [illegible] and Chase up [illegible] rooms. C. Humphreys making [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] mail at [illegible] [illegible] C. Humphreys. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] School about [illegible] Clothes [illegible] L. Edwards [illegible]. [illegible] Garrick. Bought 3 old [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] and a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on my [illegible] back.

W. [illegible] Granville Barker telling him what I thought of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Call from Tom Layton [illegible] out [illegible] acting. Says he made £300 and [illegible] his first [illegible] [illegible] by 5-4 and spoke pleasantly [illegible] Mr [illegible] to make [illegible]. [illegible] left [illegible] [illegible] train. Left [illegible] at station — [illegible] [illegible] to carry. Peter having [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from Mr [illegible] [illegible] his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After dinner [illegible]. Mrs Saunders at Pierrot

THURSDAY AUGUST 31.

Humphrey getting on w. biscuit sacks. Quick easy chapter as I walked to station. Avoid Mattress and read all the way to London. Eyes seemed to be better and I could see people's features. Kept at charge. Two draft letter to Mastly about Beaumont's book. Called Morin Jenkins about his brother Stephen. Waited for rain to stop. Got Bassett's Cadmus frame in Monmouth Street also piece of Ellen's stripped material and appro. to Mr. Gabb. Left frame etc. Inspections for my Rossetti. Lunch, Fuller. Got 16/- cheque for N. Back to office. Dry talk having about. Worked on proof of Peregrine's Saga. Signed letter home. Dry 5.30. Drink on my way to Victoria. Evening paper talk of more troops reaching Bougie-Bizerte. Went out and I had a talk with Sandy. G. was really ill. Drink early. Went

up 7.30 and called children.
Breakfast at 9 o'c with Ting-
wanted to papers and out wi-
a. while she had her breakfast.
Letter from A. may spend next
week with her mother-in-law.
At 10.30 out wi. Peter in
his room and gave him a
lesson in English and then read
several pages of Jules Verne's
"round the world". Finished just
before luncheon. After lunch
out wi. C. [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] film "Gone with
the wind". Cut out old [illegible]
of [illegible] new [illegible] Sorted
[illegible] A.P. to give to F.O. Gordon
Sorted books in studio to give
away. Cut old receipts and
[illegible] cheques [illegible]
[illegible] Tea with C. & Peter.
[illegible] F.O. [illegible] about
[illegible] out to
some dinner. [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible] new
[illegible] Felt [illegible]
[illegible] heart [illegible]

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2

Slept till Woodward called me at 8 o'c. Wild wind and rain with patches of sun. Breakfast in [illegible] @ 9.30. Down to [illegible] got [illegible] for Bl. House! Paid [illegible] [illegible]. Got [illegible] stamps. Humphrey [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] wall! Paid me & [illegible] stamped cards. Gave Peter my old ski-ing boots and got out C's for Alix. News letter of American army [illegible] & Metz. After lunch went [illegible] [illegible] Flying Officer [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible]. Down to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but Jack [illegible] over there. Spent afternoon [illegible] planting. Peter came back [illegible]. [illegible] was over [illegible] talking [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sat [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with him. Drink before dinner. Evening [illegible] N.

SUNDAY. SEPTEMBER 3

up latish. Read and wrote diary
breakfast w. C. Pete has
open breather glands. Wound
Clocks. To Church. Hymn good
& fun. Also had a magpie
kite that he wanted to keep.
Saw C. picking flowers by
cottage. Asked Mrs Smith about
bread for lunch. The Saunders
came with Ann and Jane and a
friend & left their bicycle a-
way to [illegible]. C. asked
me to stamp his letters and
I said why couldn't he do it
himself. Lunch w. C. talking
to Nanny. After lunch compared
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] class
which is [illegible] because C.
has not written. Got out [illegible]
[illegible] to talk to Mrs Smith.
Bed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Cataphr.
Tea w. C. & after [illegible] Castle
where C. [illegible] for a play [illegible]
[illegible]. Nap before dinner in
chair by fire. After dinner news.
C. said he felt sick every day
after tea, was it cancer of [illegible].

Monday SEPTEMBER 4

Still raining grey skies. [illegible]
[illegible] better. Spoke to Charles
about changing [illegible] gardening
[illegible] vegetables.
[illegible] all [illegible] way to London.
To Mr [illegible] & gave [illegible] my
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for [illegible] pair. To Mr
[illegible] about [illegible] G's [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
had yet. To Westminster Bank to
Mr Rinders. Returned stopped on [illegible]
to Mrs Palli [illegible] offer at 12.
Philip [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
a [illegible]. Lunch Mrs. [illegible]
Early Marsh about "[illegible]"
as title for Desmond's book.
W. Mulby and [illegible] set of [illegible]
[illegible] for G. We [illegible]
who is aware of G's changed attitude
[illegible] [illegible] criticism
of us for not going to A's wedding
[illegible] 5.30 [illegible]. No bombs!
in London since Friday. Mr.
[illegible] thinks they are finished.
Slept in train. People talking in
carriage praised Eisenhower
[illegible] [illegible] one [illegible] home. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] finger
[illegible]. News [illegible] N. [illegible]

Tuesday SEPTEMBER 5

Bright cold windy morning
Slept in train. No alerts in
London but flying bombs in
night over Southampton.
Worked on Diamonds proof
Call for W.M. Miller. Lunch
Mrs. Tait. Barmaid has had 2
more friends killed and is
anxious about her boy in Brussels
Corrected Rose Smallman's proof.
Call from Gordon Vincent about
worked on Diamonds proof corrected
by Ladies Marsh. Home 5.30
Slept in train. Walked home with
Phillips. C. had Archdeacon for
Peter. Says it might be tonsils
or possibly T.B.! But he gave
Peter a gargle and told him to get
up. C. looks and feels ill. Won't
do anything. Says it is psychological.
After dinner listened to news to
~~dining~~ N. room. Peter to bed early.
My eyes don't get any better,
and I can hardly read at
all. Must telephone to Cargill
After news G. sat in cab N. room
listening to German music and
crying. There was not [illegible] in
[illegible]

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Morning [illegible] sun and clouds. [illegible] Clear. [illegible] had letter fr. [illegible] Wyndham that Charlie [illegible] is [illegible] in Italy. Terrible loss. Peter's glands no better. Asked for [illegible] [illegible] & sugar for breakfast. Saw Diana [illegible] & asked her to telephone to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Spoke [illegible] Dam about [illegible], Peter's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. Charles [illegible] Allen [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]. Got [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] & spoke to Mrs [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. N. [illegible] Colin about Charlie. W. Frank about Mrs [illegible]. Worked on [illegible] [illegible]. Home by bus to Victoria [illegible] [illegible] I have taken a bus since flying bombs started. Train [illegible]. Changed [illegible] and [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]. Peter says he is better but looks very pulled down. After dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7

Brighter rainy day. Peter [illegible] to [illegible] Jamie [illegible] Nannie [illegible] for the [illegible]. [illegible] up to [illegible] Mr Tomlinson's [illegible] station. Put her in a taxi at Victoria for [illegible] to see about her [illegible]. Then I went to Birney's for [illegible] spirit. Stopped at [illegible] listening [illegible] the [illegible] 1942. Then [illegible] to consult Mr [illegible] [illegible] since 1938. Says I have [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] office. [illegible] [illegible]. Lunch [illegible]. [illegible] still raining. [illegible] has [illegible] had a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] wine for Bunny [illegible] glasses and [illegible] at [illegible]. Back to office. Signed wages cheques & minutes for Somerset. Worked on Desmond [illegible]. Bus to Victoria — found G. [illegible] cold & wet [illegible] but looking better. Drink [illegible] whisky, lemon & [illegible]

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8

up 8 o'c. Breakfast 9.30 & C.
came down before I finished.
Spent morning doing English &
French with Peter in his room
hard to keep his attention fixed.
C. out gathering flowers though
walking hurts her hip and makes
her terribly tired. After lunch
read book on Eye exercises.
e.g. for cataract. One should
supplement the exercises with
diet avoiding rice and starchy
food and meats. I think my
[illegible] meals are
probably bad. Will see if I can
manage fruit and nuts at luncheon.
Spent most of afternoon digging
up plantain in yard and in
front of cottage. Dear Mother
[illegible] letter and interesting [illegible]
letter about the [illegible]
family. Seems rather helpless.
Says her father's death [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] attention. E.S.M.
telephoned and C. agreed to take
up [illegible] for Sunday. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9

up 8 o'C. C. came down to
breakfast before I finished
Cool bright day. Down to square
and got more stamps. Paid
man and stamped cards. Discussed
wall of [illegible] with Humphries and
advised him to build [illegible] the supporting
post. Got Charles to help me move
mattresses in my old dressing
room that I am preparing for
occupancy Nussbaum. After lunch
spent afternoon furnishing room
Put down carpet made bed.
Got things for wash-hand stand
and washed them in bath. Alix
was having tea in studio with
Anne Emmet and [illegible] so C. and I
had tea alone. C. had slept
and felt better. after tea we
went across. looked at room
and at brown carpet that moths
had got into spread out in garden
Then down to camp where C.
picked zinnias which I needed bed
before. Made drink for C. but
didn't have any myself. After
dinner Nussbaum arrived. Proved to
be bald headed Jew moving camera
man. Took him over to cottage

Sunday SEPTEMBER 10

up 8 o'c. Cold – mist but promising a good day, as it turned out. 1. after 11 I sun growing hot. Wound clocks. I had breakfast with Nussbaum and C had hers in sitting room on tray. Alex asked me before Nussbaum if I wanted him to stay in the house after breakfast. I shut him up and gently pushed him back to cottage. Later Alex took him for walk on down. Peter tried sea fishing but found it too cold. Told Goodman he could have easel for 2.10.0. Fixed up improvised completion for Nussbaum. Alex out and gave him better shade to his reading lamp. C. long talk wi. Goodman sitting in sun. Back to cottage. Peter tried? .... helped me ... old ... desk ... library ... to ... room to take place of reading moved by Cook. Nussbaum to tea and talk C. in sitting room. I fixed lamp and took ... C. ... nights ... hair ... Peter ... Alex at cottage. After dinner ... ... Bed shaved.

Monday September 11

Cold night and misty morning
Morning fine. Had bath
at 7.8 so Mrs Ritter could have
hers at 7.30. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Santer & Chaney about
[illegible] eating. I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] today. Left in train
5.8 [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
and Allinson. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] again. Mr [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Dealt [illegible]
our matter in diet. Went over
accounts with [illegible].
Lunch at 1 [illegible] - Apples, Allinson's
bread and Rose-hip syrup.
Signed letters. Read Dominion
[illegible] and transferred [illegible]
in Lady Gregory. Tel [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Sutterman out. Home 5.38.
Changed at Horsham joined at [illegible]
by Lewis & [illegible]. [illegible] & Nes-
[illegible] had left. [illegible] [illegible]. Mr
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. H. J.
A. Brian has [illegible] down and [illegible]
coming tomorrow to spend his [illegible]

Tuesday September 12

apparently cracked chamber pot
in night [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] I had knocked lamp
off table as something [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in place. Lay
awake. Called chicken. Cold
misty morning [illegible] [illegible]
but still cold [illegible] [illegible].
To Peter Robinson & finally
[illegible] — Mrs Stevenson about
[illegible] outfit. Office [illegible]
[illegible]. Out after got ½ lb
grapes for 5.3 [illegible]. Met
[illegible] Leighton in Glen St. [illegible]
to be a writer. Luncheon
at desk — apples grapes, Allen's
bread and Kia-Ora syrup.
Worked on Diamonds article
Home 5.30. Looked out for A. &
Brian at Victoria, [illegible]. [illegible]
— [illegible] [illegible] I got home I
found she had telephoned that [illegible]
was in London and they were staying
the night [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I had [illegible]
5.5 — After dinner worked on [illegible] list

Wednesday September 13

up 6.45 No bath. Breakfast
with Peter at 7.30 and
to London by 8.34. Left
[illegible] at Brighton.
[illegible] to office [illegible]
[illegible] Peters Grey Suit
[illegible] calling [illegible] pyjamas [illegible]
[illegible] Stevenson [illegible]
[illegible] Peter [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] morning [illegible]
[illegible] office. Attended to office [illegible]
[illegible] when Peter came [illegible]
[illegible] 15 [illegible] he went [illegible]
[illegible] for lunch [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] Office. Then home Victoria
5.30. [illegible]
[illegible] 7.0. [illegible] but wanted [illegible]
[illegible] day [illegible] pleasant
and no [illegible]
[illegible] A. at [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Thursday September 14th
Tried [illegible] to [illegible] up
approach [illegible]. [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible] wall. [illegible]
[illegible]. Nearly [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 40 & hand for [illegible]. [illegible] for [illegible]
by [illegible]. Took up Peter's [illegible] &
[illegible]. Tried to sleep but in-
creasingly conscious of pain in chest
not apparently in heart. I must
have strained somehow. Felt
better after 1 gal. of [illegible]. Spent
most of [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
for Mrs C. to copy. [illegible]
no [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Mrs C. to copy. Talk Mrs [illegible]
about [illegible] Kitty's [illegible]
getting [illegible] to [illegible]-school.
Mrs Somerset says [illegible] [illegible]
no good. Will [illegible] [illegible]
a [illegible] [illegible]. 2 Rocket bombs
on London last night. Home 5.30
[illegible] [illegible] all day
[illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] with [illegible]
and [illegible]. Take [illegible] about [illegible].
She thinks [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. W. [illegible]

Friday September 15

up 7 o'c. Breakfast w. Peter + Alex and found that Peter was given only [illegible] soggy looking porridge + tea and Alex only dry wheat and tea. After breakfast went through Peter's school outfit list and made most of it up with things I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], sweaters etc. Told C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and she was as horrified as I. Alex + Peter to [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible]. A pleasant morning but rain [illegible] in afternoon. Talk Charles about [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] in pieces. C. and I pleasant luncheon alone. After luncheon C. [illegible] [illegible] bag. Then slept in bed till tea. C. I weighed [illegible] only 9 stone 7 the least I have weighed since I was a small boy. After tea C. told me of her idea for a play on the subject of [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I gave subject but advised novel instead of play. She felt cheered and encouraged. [illegible] before dinner. Young people returned from [illegible] [illegible] and a good time. C. had spoken to [illegible]. [illegible] children's breakfast. After dinner Alex + Peter went to [illegible]; C. + I [illegible].

Saturday September 16

up. 7.30. Mrs S. gave children
[illegible] cooked breakfast + coffee
[illegible] jam. Filled Charlie's [illegible].
Sat up. C. working at papers
in dining room. Down to square
for stamps here + wages money
brought up [illegible] envelope and
paid men. Gave Charles Peter's
shoes polish he is going to try
to get coupons for stamped
cards. Peter came back with
~~[illegible]~~ all that he had caught
when the doors were dredged.
More flying bombs on London.
Lovely still sunny cool September
day. After lunch, I got out [illegible]
ink stand, china dog, and got [illegible]
frames for children's prizes, also packs
of cards, and [illegible] cups. Peter not
feeling good again, up [illegible] in bed.
Tea party in Peter's room, [illegible]
Dennis, Anne Emmet, Peter, Frank [illegible]
[illegible] left just as Peter + I [illegible]
Started to read Lady [illegible]'s Louise
[illegible], but powerful. Drink for
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sunday September 17

up. 7.45 — breakfast 9.30 — Children had finished. Dressed by 9. wound clocks. Put back the cups in store-cupboard & got out my old [illegible] for wash-stand. To church. Sermon political. Dick Pepys home on leave at church with his wife and 2 [illegible]. A. [illegible] and sat in side aisle, but joined me and we came home together. I gave him a bottle of sherry and looked at [illegible] bill. C. out in [illegible] on porch and I got her a hat. [illegible] talked [illegible] and said [illegible] about [illegible] and all politics and personal [illegible] and about campaign that the English were doing all the fighting. Made [illegible] shirt and collar after lunch. [illegible] C. and we went up to bed together. Tea [illegible] children [illegible] [illegible] went [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible] that Chas [illegible] quite [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to take [illegible] out of one of Peter's new collars to [illegible]. They [illegible] [illegible] about getting his [illegible] made

Monday September 18

Called Chris at 7 and told Violet to give her tea and toast at 7.30 to go to Chichester with Peter Franklin but a message came by telephone from Cyril that he had gone without her. Spoke severely to Peter at breakfast. Got up when done. She went to Box & had her missing side teeth replaced. Villar Jones said he had to leave in a fortnight or so to join navy. Lunch w. G. at Claridge. Sotheby did not want plated silver forks spoons etc that I took up & advised Patrick & Sampson but they said it was not a good time to sell owing to price control. Sent little [illegible] Shrimp jacket. Home w. G. 5.30. Children had been to Anne Emmet's birthday party. Peter was subdued. I think we have spoiled his spirit even by making tape names on his clothes. Evening papers announce death in action

Thomas Lord [illegible]

Tuesday September 19

Came Alex Tozer [illegible] at Peter's father. [illegible] 3. [illegible] [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] returned. [illegible] Fox at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my season ticket [illegible] Peter [illegible] back for it. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] didn't [illegible] Peter. [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] letter day [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. She [illegible] [illegible] way as I did and at [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. She [illegible] it [illegible] but and she was going [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] just [illegible] my [illegible] [illegible]. Lunch apples, grapes, wholemeal bread and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Out to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Selfridge. Back [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Newmarket [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 5 30 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at Peter's [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday September 20

After breakfast [illegible] from my bath with 8 sticks & [illegible] [illegible]. Letter from Allie C. B. / Mr Palmer dead in Jamaica. Charley gave me his Camper [illegible] for Blue [illegible]. Slept in train.

Mr Cook and I telephoned to all the stores to try to get [illegible] [illegible] for Peter and Country Clubman. Also [illegible] Cook [illegible] & Lily who [illegible] to have them [illegible] [illegible] Newmarket [illegible] W. [illegible] [illegible] to Paisley. Dinner at [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible], what [illegible] Rose [illegible] [illegible] & Banks [illegible]. Spent afternoon [illegible] the [illegible] about my Bank account. Home 5.30. Peter Brian & Alfreda out shooting. Peter got nothing; B. a pigeon & a [illegible]. B. & A. to dinner. Ice cream & cake & candy. Peter [illegible] 1 packet. Brian & A. told C. [illegible] they had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Thursday September 21

Peter & I up to London in train w. Evelyn, Anne & Virginia. P. played cards with L. Taxi to Dighton & left bag & picture frames. Then underground to Aldgate East & got his home clothes at Gardiners. Back to office picking up bag at Dighton's. Cory Brocklehurst called and took me & Peter to lunch Garrick. Joined by Desmond and got Ransom Walton to come down later to our game to cut party 2 guests for one member. Very pleasant luncheon. Sent Desmond back to my office & Peter & I got shoes at Alvasi – then to office – talk Desmond about [illegible]. Sent him away at 4. and Peter & I had tea and then drove in car to Highgate School – left him with Mr Bell & Major Miller. Cab back to Victoria. Talk Anderson about Ivegate [illegible]. After dinner. C. told me [illegible]

[illegible]

Friday September 22
Pensly grey day very little sun and no living. Up 8 o'c. Breakfast w. C. 10 o'c. Read paper. Autumn not yet completely returned. Tel. Police about Peter's departure for school. Spent morning reading Lady Stanford's "Gossip." Miles visit Vincent and no effective has made 3 quilt matters. Gave Charlie Ibsen his coupons back. He says children at metairies. Spoke to C. Humphrey about Plummers wall. After lunch tried up Peter's list for clearance. W. draft letter to Superintendent Pol about Peter's departure for school and to Major Miles about Peter's requirements cut to back by Plummers and cut-away laurels for C. Humphrey to build wall. Back for tea. Mrs Caspari called re G. W. P. C. 5 C. meeting. Paid bills. Drink before dinner. Didn't see Pierrin or A. at dinner. Read papers. w. p. C. Marsal.

Saturday September 23

Slept late, breakfast w. C. 10.15. Down W. ... and got stamps & money there, and down to ... up Peter's ... case. Mr ... about ... Monday morning and ... by. C. ... N... and ... autumn day. Making up play ... Mr ... called about ... Took C. ... place ... built along Plummer ... Paid ... and ... cards. Told ... about ... C: back ... Peter's house ... After ... Saw Plummer about ... and ... worked on ... all afternoon ... up ... Home ... Tea w. C. ...

Sunday ... evening ... to get ... the afternoon ... Frank ... & Emmet ... & got 2 ... Emmet ... C. & I ... 5. ... for drinks.

Sunday September 24

Weather broke last night with the equinoctial gales. Up 8.30 shampoo. Breakfast in @ 10.15 round clocks. News about Arnhem still uncertain. W. Peter Read long [illegible] round n.g. After lunch Brian and A. came along. He was in battle dress and looked desperately miserable. Returning to the H.Q. says probably flying to Nijmegen tomorrow. [illegible] he [illegible] resign, [illegible] they would sack him, but says he knows too much. Has written it all down, and has been proved right. I am intending to [illegible] count on success. A. and he went up to station in rain but [illegible] them out. Went to Plummer's wall, cut down stump with axe. Drove in stakes and stretched line for something to follow. Dug among earth close to Plummer's privy. When I finished found I had [illegible] in [illegible]. Back ached got to sofa. Lay down [illegible]. Slowly felt better. Had tea & whisky then to bed. Got up at 7.45 [illegible]

all night I [illegible]. A. to dinner [illegible]

Monday September 25

up 5.30 Breakfast 7.30
Filled out fuel application
Took C. Humphrey round the
wall and explained what I
want him to do and left
Newell to help him. Got
up to London in 1st class
carriage. Took luggage to
Dorchester. Saw [illegible] &
Mr Bean. Then took Peter's suit
to be lengthened. To office saw
Frederick Muller. Says Freddie
has been [illegible]. [illegible] writers
but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible]
[illegible] lunch at [illegible]. Gave
Mrs C. A. and asked her to
take [illegible] to Mr Miller to [illegible]
[illegible] Peter [illegible] [illegible]. Felt rather
ill and went home at 4 o'c, [illegible]
[illegible] on way. Found G. at [illegible]
[illegible] had a [illegible] [illegible] and then
dressed and felt better
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] place
[illegible] Barnes [illegible] good [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Saw his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday September 26
Dunchurch. Lovely morning
up 7 o'C. Breakfast in room
C. has letter from France going
back to Amiens. Autumn [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Office 9.45
signed cheques. etc. C. ill. [illegible]
[illegible]. Alix A. has come up to
London to see Brian. I spent
most of morning trying to
find a house for Alix.
Finally got her one at [illegible]
or Brunswick Square No 9
Back to office and lunch
[illegible] [illegible] & what [illegible]
T.H. Blair Dilgand at War
Office. W. draft letter to
[illegible] Supervisor and draft
letter to Mr Marriott B. [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] and went
to my Brother Bird.
[illegible] dined: Tea 5 [illegible] Major
Armstrong, Lilian Marguerite [illegible]
[illegible] Oliver [illegible] Rittner
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Dunchurch after.

[illegible]

Wednesday September 2[illegible]

Siren & [illegible] thermometer in the shade 31°C. C. [illegible] of A. who had seen Brian yesterday. Said when he returned to H.Q. the young officer said "well old boy, you made it alright" which pleased Brian. Office 10 o'c.

W. letter to American lawyers for firm who wanted Claimants [illegible] [illegible]. Long and [illegible] Mrs Flagel about her [illegible] of [illegible]-[illegible]'s Mrs [illegible]. W. Mr Saunders about [illegible] to [illegible] authorities. Lunch at desk apples grapes, bread & [illegible]. Worked on Report of [illegible]. Tel. for Count [illegible]. Call from Mr Tittoni. C's [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~. Took it back to Dorchester. C. [illegible] Cinema. [illegible]. Fields & [illegible] to dinner. C. wore her bracelet. After dinner sat with Claridge and [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] with Lady Angleby though she [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Thursday September 28

Quiet night. up 7-30.
Breakfast — in room as i.
& milk brought from Amherst
[illegible] appetite 10 o'C. Spent
morning / writing to Kathy
[illegible] & declining [illegible] Bonnie
[illegible], Luncheon & Claudie's
Eileen & Marguerite. Sandwiches
Rosemary, Hugh, Guy, Frank
& Sandwich girl at diet table
farewell before France going
to America. Cut [illegible]
depressed talking about Brit[illegible]
& A. To Cabinets & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Cut [illegible]
[illegible] at E. Xians & finished
in bath. Tea Mrs Reginald Smith
She looks rather pale but other-
wise just as she used to. Nice
talk and delicious tea. Back
to Dorchester & [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible]. Lady Wealthy [illegible]
Table to dinner. Spoke to
Rabindranath and Lady Clutton

Friday September 29th

Packed. C. & I talked about expenses, and she was annoyed as usual. She must ... within agreed amount. ... Park Gardens. ... Cross about ... & ... ... C's ... & ... ... Smith did not ... ... must have ... ... So could not go ... ... from Maitland. ... ... Mr C. will ... but ... him tonight. ... ... W. ... ... W. ... ... about ... you ... Mr C's ... Tried to get taxi to take plated silver back but had to leave it and go by bus. Met C. in train & carriage

Saturday September 30

Photographs of Jimmie + Genevieve when she arrived last night. He looks [illegible] and she an [illegible] but neither probably true. Up
8.15. Lovely still September day
Breakfast time. C. out to [illegible]
and [illegible] at work on [illegible]
wall which they have got well
started. Down to [illegible] and got
stamps and money. I had taken
cheques to [illegible] last evening.
Made up fifty envelopes [illegible]
cards [illegible] [illegible] order. [illegible] up
[illegible] account. A. [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] pleasantly enough.
Afterwards [illegible] tried on some
of the clothes that have been
[illegible] up for him. I went down
to [illegible] where I found Bob
[illegible] working alone. [illegible]
[illegible] Jack [illegible] wife has been
ill in hospital for last month so he
has not come. Worked on accounts
found that we [illegible] not [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] at [illegible] 5. C. and I tea alone
A. + Alix tea in cottage with Aunt [illegible]
[illegible] + Nannie. [illegible] before [illegible].

Sunday October 1

Cold day with alternate sun and cloud. Up late. Breakfast w. C. 10.30. Wound clocks. Cut toe-nails, moustache and the hair in my ears. Sat in sitting room with C. and started reading G's Turgenev play with engagement but much too long. A. and Alix came over to luncheon. Talk of [illegible] and after lunch .. tried to read up Wars of Roses. When C. went up I went on with play and finished 1st act. Very good but much too [illegible] for a play. Dozed in chair till [illegible]. Got and looked at Humphreys [illegible]. Then C & I had tea alone. Alix was in cottage with A. C. & worked planning furniture for flat in H.O.C.M. Alix showed us her coats and seal-skin jacket. Coat very nice and jacket wh. was [illegible] might be made up well. A. says [illegible] and [illegible] after. C. likes talking of her and thought [illegible] of letter [illegible] Alix [illegible]. I don't approve [illegible] left [illegible] and [illegible] 10.30

MONDAY October 2nd

Spoke to Charley about [illegible] 9
[illegible] [illegible]. Reminded
[illegible] [illegible] of his very
[illegible] felt [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] + [illegible]
at [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible]
angina pains. Rested in [illegible] to
[illegible]. To [illegible] + got
[illegible] [illegible] as the [illegible]
gave £1000. for [illegible]. Left [illegible]
[illegible] + Bechely Westminster Bank
Shelbourne + got [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
+ [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
Tel [illegible] + found the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible]. [illegible] Hartley, Martyn Stannus
Tel [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible]
[illegible] about my heart but he is
going away [illegible] for a week
holiday. Very cold [illegible] home
[illegible] all in a [illegible] at [illegible]
back to school. After dinner [illegible]
[illegible] us for a [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] today.

TUESDAY October 3rd

Cut in [illegible] part of night in spite
of hot [illegible] [illegible], but quite
[illegible] in early morning. It was
[illegible] to speak to [illegible]
about a fire in [illegible] field [illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible] [illegible]. Alix
up to London to establish her
in Convent of [illegible] Square.
Diana [Watkins] has heard that
her Chelsea has been destroyed.
Told Alix the train. To be [illegible]
in religious [illegible] of her Convent
life [illegible] to keep her [illegible]
[illegible] left her half-coat [illegible]
to take [illegible] have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
not altered. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] back to [illegible]
left her there. Lunch [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Alix
[illegible] [illegible] frightful [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible]. A. has [illegible] [illegible]
to him [illegible] [illegible]. After
dinner read C's play & story
aloud. Talked to him about

WEDNESDAY October 4

Up 7 o'c. Charlie asked
about cleaning [illegible], hyps [illegible]
Garlands persuading fur
[illegible] fur. Slept in train.
Margaret Burns got with me
& we talked at Victoria.
Got Robin Darwin's designs
from Mac C's book. To Alex
concert and left his return
back. Morning [illegible].
Lunch at desk after grapes
[illegible] bread. Read
[illegible] France in
war. Call fr. Jones ?
Black C. & Hill about my
income ~~tax~~ etc. Call
fr. Mr West new photo-
engraver. W. Buckland w
delivering [illegible]. Home 5:30
very cold in train and walking
home. A. sat with us after
dinner together, curiously
[illegible] and domin[illegible]
C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Tried to write to Sir [illegible] David's
death.

Met [illegible] in [illegible] A.M.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 5.

A. + Nannie up to London in my train to get her things. Nothing and [illegible] .... w. draft letters in train to Major Miller McBell. S.B. on draft to David. Lunch 9 [illegible] + which must bring 1 w. draft letter to Peter W. Manby S. and and got flat passing. Supported at C. telephone of this morning also [illegible] from Cox's clearing Pippin. Stopped now [illegible] Matrio Kitten & O Malaya. The [illegible] from 350 of cat it and 700 of cat. II. Tel. from Peter. Seems happy. Home 5.30 Fast young man w. [illegible] leg in Carriage. Met A + Nannie at [illegible] and they took my bag with the 7 [illegible] in taxi. Found Mrs. G. C. sitting above so went up to dress. Dinner and evening passed amicably.

FRIDAY October 6
Breakfast w. C. 10 o'c
Out w. Humphrey & Newell making good progress on Plummer's wall. C. coming out with me to work at furniture in studio. Called N.E. (?) ... urged C. to work on front ... She eventually did but was angry with me for the rest of the day. He did eventually go to studio and she ... furniture for cottage and flat. ... Price Allen at work in cottage painting bath room. Looked at box ... for ... & ... for ... he will make legs. After lunch spent afternoon ... Charley & Newell ... furniture in cellar & ... them for flat. Brought in books ... C. ... before going away for ... Looked through J. ... letters & ... expenses ... but couldn't find any. After tea sat w. C. & ... ... & later Vivien ... out in N. room after dinner

SATURDAY October 7th

up 7.30 Breakfast w Alix 9.15. Over to see Page & tell about legs for bed. Down to Square for Alice stamps & money. Talk Cragshurst and left nail clippers for him to send. Made up wages envelopes and paid them. Young & people in front & piles in N. room all morning. Told Alix she could not go to Littlehampton on account of her cold. She was disappointed and silent at lunch. Afterwards was annoyed as she had wanted to take her to get her shoes. After lunch moved things a bit in Cottage and drove to Mannin. Jack can't come on account of wife illness. We spoke of Cecil deficiency. Stamps. Cards. W. Aunt Mary before & after tea. Very nice and attentive for Alix, Mrs Sandford

[illegible]

SUNDAY October 8th Bed 10.10

Up 8.30 Misty morning
turning fair in the afternoon.
Alix - I had news, her pain
forgot but no temperature. Stayed
in bed all day but means to
go to R.A.D.A. tomorrow.
Breakfast in C., 10 o'c. Papers
tell of collapse of German defence in
N. of Aachen. Lovely clothes.
To church. Worked before
luncheon and all afternoon
sorting out furniture for
cottage when Anne comes and
for flat in London. Vivien
[illegible] C. [illegible]
[illegible] very nice girl and
handsome in a dark way.
Before tea C & I out to look
at carpets & furniture. Tea
N. here. Saw A. to station
[illegible] Vivien off. I found her
bed in C's big bedroom with the
[illegible]. C and A left [illegible]
[illegible] telephoned ready. Alix to
go to Queen Charlotte's Ball with
them. After dinner A. had Alix come,
[illegible]

MONDAY October 9th
Called Alix 7 o'c already up
and days much better. To
London in 8 o'c train. I felt all
right carrying bag to station for 9.0
w. drafts letter to [illegible].
thanking for [illegible] Commission
Cat grapes and apples [illegible]
and some bread 5 [illegible]
am. Mrs Coates say flying
bombs last night [illegible]
[illegible] and cleared desk
before I left of all accumulation
[illegible]. Thursday [illegible]
[illegible]. Lunch at desk.
Contract [illegible]
[illegible] letter [illegible] and [illegible].
[illegible]. Call [illegible] Dancy [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
a bit [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a bit late
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] talked about [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] elections.

TUESDAY October 10

C. & I up to London. Dreadful morning
She insisting on going 1st class. She
has wrecked her hospital appt. w.
draft letter to Townshend about fuel
[illegible] asking for bigger ration
now that A. is to be eating & being
[illegible]. Got taxi for C. I took bus
to Marble Arch [illegible] when I got off
Central. Office morning & routine.
Luncheon Martyn Skinner who
brought me bottle of whisky &
bottle of gin. Stopped in front
office by young man from
Faber & Faber who wanted
to know about Lake Harris &
then asked about Martyn Skinner
so I introduced him. Worked
on Diamond MacCarthy. Home 5.30
taking back heavy parcel of plates
which that I decided not to sell on
account of contested prices. Met C.
[illegible] but was of train. Train
took us from Station as Taylor [illegible]
[illegible]. Got drink for C. & I but did not
have any myself. After dinner finished
knitting [illegible] parts & coat quite successf

WEDNESDAY October 11

Water pipe burst somewhere so all water cut off for repairs. No bath. Moved the chair from porch over to cottage for desk for Anne. In train I started letter to Paul. Met Margaret Owens who sat in my seat. Place ... Apples at ... and Allinson - had Shears. Morning ... W. draft letters. Call for Alex who wants ... for ladder ... etc. ... I had telephoned to Mrs ... who ... She can ... home to ... . I had ... lunch at desk.

T. 3.... G ... took measurements for ... . Mrs ... to ... Cleaned ... . all in ... . letters. Got Alex ... . on 38 bus. Mr ... gave me a gift of ... . to ...

[Right margin, written vertically:] ... letters ... Washington ...

THURSDAY October 12

Wild S.W. wind all night. Morning sun and threatening clouds. W. draft letters to Mr Miller and Peltz. Bought 2 lb apples in second & six pounds at Salamanos. Morning routine. Read at luncheon Sir Diamonds paper and wrote to him trying to persuade him to let me publish. Lunch at desk – 2 pears and ate bread & syrup with a knife and fork. W. draft letters for Mrs C. to copy. Talk Mr Clifford about Leslie Stalley Stump and decided to order re-print at once. Home 5.20 taking bag over heavy in bottle of C.O. and a lot of apples. I was in whole – must think, hoping for lift at station – and got one thanks to Mr Ransome. Bathed & dressed early and put away my things and changed and read paper before dinner. Tired and had nap in chair after dinner. A very pleasant

FRIDAY October 13

up 7.30 and breakfast w. Q.
She had the hot-house grapes I
brought her. Out to the Humphrey
[illegible]. Oriel finished first stretch of
wall. walks much faster with
Weasel as mate. To see Orie about
about fitting corners of bed.
[illegible] Sam Mills quilt the small.
Talk with Charley about Queen. He is
going to try to get sheep or calves
to keep grass in one field so as
to make it fine for grass.
Measured for Pilmore's green
house and started to make model.
Stopped for lunch. Q. & A. [illegible].
and finished model at 4.30
Mended lamp shade for Q. and
put away discarded pictures in
cottage. Q. & Nannie have been
[illegible] this w. A. [illegible]
visiting Q. last. Q. & I tea alone
as Belle arrived in Jeep with a
soldier & A. gave him tea in cottg.
Q. & I talked of Belle. She resigned from
Anderson staff & dropped back to Captain
[illegible] & [illegible] after [illegible]. Ann T.
arrived w. Jon [illegible] & [illegible]. [illegible]

[illegible]

SATURDAY October 14.
up 7.30 Breakfast w/. Alix
at 9.0°C. Down to Wagram early
for stamps and money, stamps
cards and [illegible]. Consulted
[illegible] about Plummer gun. [illegible]
he approves my model. Gave it
to [illegible] and explained it to
him. He seems interested and [illegible]
[illegible] carry it out. T.d. [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
about insects in [illegible] water.
Got Alix to help me start to
move [illegible] of [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] boxes [illegible] contents of [illegible]
[illegible] to Carolyn. Anne had brought
the [illegible] Josephine [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] a bath.
Did not see [illegible] all day.
After lunch went on moving
things alone. Carried light [illegible]
but gradually found I was getting
[illegible]. I moved case [illegible]
for Alix. [illegible] out to 5 [illegible] and
[illegible] books and [illegible] stuff.
Rain after a lovely sunny [illegible]. [illegible]
and [illegible] Charlie. [illegible]
came [illegible] when I was half asleep. [illegible]

SUNDAY October 15

up 7 o'c. Shampoo.
Breakfast wi Alix at 9.
Damp heavy morning. Got
Charley to help move furniture
I took China & Dresden dinner
service and other from china
care fr. Mildred to shed, in
much lot so I did not get
to wed. Stopped for lunch.
Alix had been playing games upstairs
& Studdy alud & then went to
castle to dress hall. Lowrie
& tending her paws & gold chair
late & brown cloth coat & mules
remains. Said she was not to
go out this afternoon & made
them say. But she telephoned to
castle & Lowrie came & stopped
clocks with her and then Christopher
who stayed to tea. Also Diana
Ruthie. Then all went over to cottage to
see Rebecca & Brian. Alix has flowers
and robed. After dinner A. came over to

Ended and ugly day

MONDAY October 16

Rain morning & sun. Told Charlie to have hod[?] made for grate fire place after taking out stove as [illegible] an [illegible] available. Also to move gray [illegible] C's [illegible] room for Alex. C.H. up [illegible] [illegible] letters & inspection [illegible] proof [illegible] [illegible] lift luggage [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in 78 [illegible]. Routine. W. draft letters to W. Bank & Tiff. Talk C.A.D.A. & [illegible] about [illegible] Lunch [illegible] Diamond & C. D. looked ill & D. [illegible] C. [illegible] C. & 1st [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] for coat for Alex. office signed letters. P.C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in Paris. Call fr Mc[illegible] [illegible] for Sketches in Staple [illegible] date in [illegible]. [illegible] Miss Cook reminded me [illegible] [illegible] for tea at Dorchester and that my watch had stopped [illegible] [illegible] and I was [illegible]

5.15. Taxi home. Drank C's [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] till 5.40. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

TUESDAY October 17

Breakfast in room. 8.15 [illegible]

To [illegible] flat [illegible]

[illegible] called up & said [illegible] talk [illegible]

[illegible] Wyndham [illegible]

like a [illegible] as an old [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Brian's [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

Contd. [illegible] Read Edmunds

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] cutting and illustrating

Tel. [illegible] inviting me to

lunch. Looked up bank accounts

and found he has drawn all

allowances and has a credit of

about £300. Lunch [illegible]

[illegible] attempted

[illegible] Call [illegible] Mr [illegible] who

[illegible] W.B. [illegible]

[illegible] permission [illegible]

[illegible] letter sending [illegible]

[illegible] Miss Cook [illegible] Tel. [illegible]

[illegible] today. [illegible]

[illegible] Says he [illegible]

[illegible] further advice [illegible]

[illegible] cracked [illegible]

[illegible] answers [illegible]

[illegible]

WEDNESDAY October 18

Breakfast 9.10 Office 9.30
[illegible] successful [illegible] at
[illegible] yesterday. [illegible] evening:
Mrs C. and [illegible] last night
[illegible] well in [illegible]. [illegible]
Met C! at [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] on [illegible] way) [illegible] feather caps
for Alix's party. [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] he may have to [illegible]
[illegible] to resign & [illegible]
accept permanent appointment
in P.O. Told him I [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]
that would [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Says Sumner Welles [illegible]
[illegible] in sleeping cars when [illegible]
[illegible]. Back to office and
[illegible] call [illegible]. It looks
as if [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
C. and [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] especially first 2 acts
[illegible] [illegible] into confused
[illegible] waiting [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] - [illegible]

THURSDAY October 19th

up 6.45 — & packed. Breakfast 7.15. To [illegible] for Allhours [illegible] to [illegible] to Appleby. W. [illegible] for Jean Mac C's [illegible]. Tel. Fergy [illegible] about [illegible] for [illegible] who wants to [illegible]. Can't get table at [illegible] for Fletchers. Engaged table at Doncaster. Mr C D has found Dighton's introduction for Royal N. to [illegible]. Saw [illegible] who is having cocktail party this evening for [illegible] wedding tomorrow & [illegible] Bristol. Got table after all and [illegible] [illegible]. Fletchers joined by B. Pleasant luncheon & made plans for [illegible] [illegible]. Back to office. Met C. at Victoria and home 7.30 [illegible] had arranged flowers in all the rooms. Drinks before dinner. Delicious dinner [illegible] [illegible] cake and whipped cream. A. B. at [illegible] [illegible]. B's old aunt. Aunt came over after dinner and spent the evening talking. Philip has gone to Brussels for [illegible]

FRIDAY October 20

up late - breakfast w. O. Down Wagners to Peter's store and saw Cushnest about hard for hall fire. Pouring rain but out-door work for Pleasant Green house - foundation laid. Swampy - N... chopping also for concrete. Mr Iceland said we had no coal, but when I looked found that full. Then she said but how long would it last? Sorted papers and did accounts all the afternoon. Mr Cooper called after tea and then Rose came and Elizabeth Glen came here just for night. While they were here Lelia and Marguerite arrived and then Alex. Drinks before dinner. After dinner we all talked in sitting room. Cert interested in Alex's work at school but she soon went up to play gramophone which had been ordered to her room for study. Lee spent rest of evening talking to girls mostly about Phelan and Ashford and his resignation from ... board of ...

SATURDAY October 21

up 7.0°C Breakfast 9.0°C. Told Woodward not to skip Alix again as she did last night when passing Queen?. Joined [illegible] Alix and had been [illegible] for her breakfast and for more [illegible] glad for her legs [illegible]'s room and told her about it. Gave Alix a lesson in gargling. The feather caps arrived from [illegible] lovely, but [illegible] not certain if it would be right for dance. Down [illegible] for stamps money and cider. Called to see Vicar about [illegible] shows a promised gain of £2:10:0 for Chapel piano. Commenced [illegible] for hall fire-place. [illegible] and Margaret out for walk as sun came out. After lunch picked sun-flowers but found many had been eaten by birds. Moved furniture in [illegible] Cherry. Woodman did not come today. Alix came back from tea at [illegible] & said Evelyn wanted to come over her dress fitted. I said Evelyn could not come [illegible] broke Alix's heart but she dressed for us in black [illegible] in feather caps and [illegible] of [illegible] a Velasquez [illegible] after dinner [illegible] Evelyn [illegible]

[illegible] VA back & [illegible]

SUNDAY October 22

SORE THROAT

Up 7.45 Bath before shaving. Breakfast w. C. Wound clocks w. [illegible]. L.o.M. [illegible]. Alix not feeling well and still [illegible]. Evelyn and Nannie over for drinks and advised about Alix dress, Nannie and Alfreda assisting. Decided that feather cape is very nice and suitable, but something in the way of gold or ornaments needed. Evelyn sent over snake belt bangles of coral and topaz [illegible] and Alix wanted to wear them all. I said she would look like a Christmas tree which made her cross again. After lunch [illegible] [illegible] with Evelyn what she should wear. C. entirely [illegible] against her and L.o.M. rather agreed. I have a slight sore throat and [illegible] in bed. After [illegible] Talked about [illegible] and travel. [illegible] letters [illegible] papers. C. says [illegible]

[illegible]

MONDAY October 23

Saw Doctor better. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and long dreams again as in yesterday. To Station in taxi with R. & M. Introduced Diana Mathias W. [illegible] [illegible] & Butler and [illegible] about [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] Mass about apples. Goodbye to girls at Victoria and went by 25 bus to Dover Street. Saw Alex [illegible] up for her permanent wave. Paid & asked about artificial nails to cure her biting her nails. Engaged table for C. Thursday at Berkeley restaurant. Got cake for tea at Gunters. Stopped for bread and grapes at Sheeran's. Spent morning clearing my desk. Lunch of fruit and [illegible] bread. Dealt with proofs for [illegible] bills for Diaghileff Ballet in Aberdeen. Signed 20,000 Specialist- and advertising in trade papers. Mr [illegible] and Wents. Signed letters. Call from [illegible] about jackets for an article. Home 5.20. Slept in train in spite of that talking boy whom always [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] dark. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] did [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]. Talk C. before dinner. After dinner tried to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sleep to day

C. had her permanent. Completely [illegible] against [illegible]

TUESDAY October 24

Mild rain early but stopped in time for me to get to station dry. C. proposes going up to Dorchester to London tonight for Gay Margaret's party before going out to Jerusalem to marry Martyn Chantrie. Having birthday luncheon ... young people today for Naomi. Got things moving & routine quickly at office. ... for Irish printer that he the print ... Gregory's Journal. Told him West ... raising objections. Settled down to fix up Rupert Newmarket Papers and spent the whole day on it. Nearly finished checking collections when I left office. Still have front matter and illustrations to arrange. ... fruit & whole wheat bread. Home 5.30. G. had done nothing about going up to London, so I telephoned to Dorchester. Probably can get a room. She told me of pleasant birthday party for Naomi. Brian making himself very agreeable. Still in Major's uniform after dinner ... Packed

WEDNESDAY October 25th

Up 6.40 Finished packing. Mild
misty beautiful October day. Mrs
B. has pregnant letter fr. Sib "starved
[illegible]
Daisy's death." Met Lady Matthews at station
and had breakfast. Also [illegible] Rested
in train. Got [illegible] of publications
from Burgess YATES and apples in
George St. [illegible] [illegible]. They
[illegible] me a message fr. G. that
[illegible] come but gave us a
room. Confirmed this as we cannot
go to Lady [illegible] party
this evening. Worked again all
day on Roger Norman article
Luncheon of fruit etc. Dictated
a few letters. Call fr. Miss S. [illegible]
good purse has been stolen
at school and students are
suspected. Told her about [illegible]
[illegible] on Sunday and gave her
his telephone number. Home 5.30
Read papers, but people talking and
couldn't sleep. After dinner did
crossword and read Times after listening
to news. Great naval battle in progress
in Philippines. More actions in [illegible]

Thursday October 26th

Took Charley who came in at breakfast
staying [illegible] A's car, [illegible]
[illegible] field. Talked me about writing [illegible]
letter for Jones Maxel. Our [illegible]
[illegible] up to [illegible]. Brian & A. up for
first [illegible] in different [illegible], all together
in taxi; [illegible] walked as usual.
W. draft letter in [illegible] to Peter
and Mr Miller. Train late for [illegible]
Contact – got a taxi at Victoria
so took a 25 bus [illegible]. G. We
went to [illegible] where I got
[illegible] glasses and G. telephoned
to [illegible] hospital to explain why [illegible]
[illegible] kept 11.30 appointment.
got [illegible] for Charles. [illegible]
[illegible] G. 1.15 when I got to
[illegible] left at [illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
i. G. at [illegible] restaurant. Good
[illegible] fast service. [illegible]. G. had
[illegible] to [illegible] for drink and saw
[illegible] Kennedy [illegible] [illegible] up
[illegible] under [illegible]
[illegible] very [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. Signed [illegible]. Home 5.30
[illegible] G. A. & 13. at Victoria. Many [illegible]
[illegible] in different [illegible]
[illegible]

Friday October 27th.

Breakfast w. C. 9.30. Sewed top button on old light [illegible] coat so that I can button it up to the neck in cold weather. Out to see Humphrey's work in Plummer Greenhouse. [illegible] worked with Charley collecting boxes to send to Maxee's for apples. Thought of one of [illegible] sheets for Bordeaux wine cellar. Cleaned out the old letters of mine and addresses of C's. Then decided it was too heavy. Did not [illegible] contents [illegible] but started to sort them. After lunch, to [illegible] office about coal for cottage. Then out and got boxes from cottage attic with Charley [illegible] from garage. Sorted contents of chest and disposed of lamp in house. Very tired but [illegible] all the time. After [illegible] lie up to rest in bed but too tired to sleep. Cut [illegible] for C. and I had [illegible] with [illegible] milk at dinner. A [illegible] excited about [illegible] Anne & Josephine [illegible] this week.

[illegible]

Saturday October 28th

up 7.30 Alix in a panic of excitement over ball tonight. Could not sleep or eat her breakfast. Off to catch 9.10 by bicycle [illegible]. A. & B. out late - decided not to catch up with them. I called out of window to her to buy a yellow rose for her hair. Sewed up button on my best over coat. Mr Fred - Friday up to London to buy wedding dress. A. has promised him the house for reception. C. still better against Alix. Says she is too [illegible] to be successfully married. To [illegible] for cakes, stamps, money. Paid man and also paid coal. Violet Friday after [illegible] at [illegible] to pick. Arranged with Charley & Smith to collect apples in [illegible] and told Charley to put big table & upper frame in [illegible] [illegible] will not be used when [illegible]. Violet & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that Jackie going into [illegible] Commander. [illegible] and paid Bromwell. Then [illegible] to [illegible] by the branch of Mr Caspar's. [illegible] sort of contents of [illegible]. Tired but not so tired as yesterday. Tea in C and slept in chair. Palestine [illegible] [illegible] Chinese [illegible]. [illegible] before dinner. [illegible] [illegible] paper [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

W. Chapel [illegible] Tablet [illegible] [illegible]

Sunday October 2 95

Heavy cold mist. Up 8.30 Breakfast w. C. 10 o'c. She is not in good humour but we are going to London tomorrow and she is always better there. Fixed screw eye and wire on Castle [illegible] picture for C. who wants to hang it in [illegible]. [illegible] became [illegible] forming connection when we saw A. B. Go out for a walk [illegible] over & [illegible] A. C. [illegible] look through last [illegible] admits [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] money and [illegible] [illegible] taken some things [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]. Got lunch alone [illegible] Nannie [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Neighbour's [illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible] sat in sitting room [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] his long fair hair & [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Talk [illegible] [illegible] terrible [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] looking. She is [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], about [illegible] apples on Thursday. Rest [illegible] Chair [illegible]. Tea w. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] apples. After [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Monday October 30th

very cold. No hot water so could not do bath exercises. [illegible] to [illegible]. Walk to station lovely morning: Cat & I up to London.* She went direct to Dorchester with luggage. I took a 9 bus to Stevens where I got apples & grapes. Morning garden & dealt with letters etc. Tea fr. Christopher Huntingdon — naval Lt. Mr West say [illegible] [illegible] bombs; was heard on the evening. Lunch at desk [illegible] etc. Worked P.M. in Royal Newmarket, placing [illegible] signed letters. Home 4.30 Tea Dorchester Cat. Chris. Huntington very tall slender & handsome at [illegible] with another naval Lt. friend. Says [illegible] has made a [illegible] of [illegible] face. Stay just [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]. Cat & I to play, [illegible] the [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] also [illegible] [illegible]. Dinner [illegible] Dorchester. [illegible] [illegible] during play

* [illegible] letter re [illegible] in Times

Tuesday OCTOBER 31

Rocket bombs in night; one at 3 AM and a loud one at 7:30 Also siren from 5-9 o'c and flying bombs. Breakfast in rooms. Office by bus where I wrote [illegible] & [illegible]. Finished up letters & morning work then [illegible] for with Royal Newmarket. Lunch Betty [illegible] and Fields at [illegible] [illegible] joined by Gladys when she finally got [illegible] from Cntry. Betty [illegible] so dirty [illegible] and [illegible] Took [illegible] [illegible] show of portraits etc at Kodaks [illegible] [illegible] good but I dont [illegible] them – not [illegible] [illegible] in equilibrium. Worked on Royal Newmarket. Home & Dorchester 5 o'c and tea with E. [illegible]. Dinner Savoy [illegible]. Lady [illegible] & her [illegible], Lady [illegible], [illegible] Jebbs, [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Talk [illegible] and [illegible]

WEDNESDAY November 1

Rocket bombs again in night. up late and breakfast down 7.45. Freda called up. Billy has been made assistant secretary of State for India and Deputy Leader of House of Lords. Op called up and offered [illegible] to [illegible] Hospital treatment. Office 10.30. worked most of morning on Diaghilev illustration. Alex called in different mood. I told him she ought to have let us know about this Ball. also any ofs must go to stay with his aunt Queen which turned her into a fury. Lunch fruit etc. Finished letter to Catherine [illegible] photographs and [illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] parcel for me. Called [illegible] about my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but I must avoid repetition of [illegible]. Back to office 2 o'c. [illegible] and dictated letter to Peter. Home 5.15 after tea at office. [illegible] [illegible] conversation with his parents in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]. Dinner [illegible]

THURSDAY November 2

up 6.45. Breakfast in your [illegible]. 39 has begun a draft of Almeria area. Office writing and dictated. Tel. from Alan Delgado about Jean MacG's novel. Concerned about libel and told him it might delay publication. He said they were in serious plight and would like us to wait till they pass an unfavourable one before reading a precedent. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] advertised [illegible] Clarke's. O. [illegible] [illegible] and Mrs Donnelly [illegible] G. [illegible] to explain why they did not like his marriage but it always happens I make people understand and they [illegible] [illegible] that it seemed [illegible]. Stopped at Boyle's Cleaning [illegible] shop. Back to office. Signed letters etc. Met B. [illegible] [illegible] home 5.30. [illegible] [illegible] drinks before dinner. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] today. Evening checked [illegible]

FRIDAY November 3

Tummy bad all night and not slept in bed up late. Breakfast w. C. Looked at apples fr. Maxers not unpacked, & ask [illegible] about bright a green house. Moved books back to Peter's room and started to put up. After luncheon [illegible] worked in Peter's room and fixed up old rickety oak book-case [illegible] at end of [illegible]. [illegible] with Newells from Stable. Talk Plummer about his green house and found him quite agreeable to [illegible] front door. Explained it to [illegible]. Gave Mrs Scarland full charge of unpacking and keep the six bushels of apples that Smith and Charley brought from Maxers. C. & I tea alone. Peter arrived for his half-term leave, happy and handsome and liking his school. Then Alex came [illegible] that she had not met Peter at Victoria as he came by an earlier train. She was in good spirits and told us about ball.

SATURDAY November 4 lovely day.

Breakfast 9 o'c with Alix & Peter who had been given good breakfasts by Mrs Garland. Apples spread out in servants hall where there is plenty of room. Down to [illegible] for stamps & money. Got a pair of shoes from Bean for Peter to try. Made up envelopes and paid men. Richard Garland and other little boys playing with David Scott all over the place. Mrs Crutchley came in to show C. some [illegible] flowers, but as C. was out Alix took them to Alfreda. After lunch down to the Pavement & Morris [illegible] wood down in wood. To Gundry [illegible] bought one of the pairs of shoes that fits Peter very well. Built fire in hall but as it smoked tried Esther's way of laying it on [illegible] which worked very well. Tried to make effect of [illegible] of little brass tray that I [illegible] at Mr & C's admitted. Also [illegible] with [illegible] and 3 guinea piece. [illegible] came to tea, looking very handsome and played cards with Alix after. I slept in sitting room & woke to hear Uncle Morley talking to G. in hall. He'd come down for night w. A. Drake [illegible]

Sunday November 5

Wet S.W. wind all night. Up late and breakfast 10.30 Sorted out pictures from London flat and chair [illegible] from Alex's room. Alfreda came to dinner as Anne is away last week and this. Peter and I moved furniture and looked for Alfreda's stamp albums. Wind and rain. Checked Lloyds cheques & Amberley accounts. Tea and Peter [illegible] computations for [illegible] weight of [illegible] that is down stairs. [illegible] report Alex lay [illegible] Index [illegible] [illegible] not quite all and we would [illegible] cut it up for a dress. G. [illegible] with her [illegible] explosion [illegible] we decided was a bomber [illegible] that had got into trouble and [illegible] crashed perhaps in Wild Brooks [illegible] for Peter to take his [illegible] books to the back to school. Did Amberley accounts and [illegible] accounts. After dinner G. [illegible] me that Alfreda had asked [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] it when [illegible] that I did not think it suitable. Alex & Peter were [illegible] Alfreda's. Gave Peter [illegible] Penelope [illegible] in bed. I went up at [illegible] bed 11.30

MONDAY November 6

Woken by Violet's alarm clock at 5.45. Up 6.45. Alix went back by 8 o'c. train, and Peter coming up by 10 o'c. Gave him care and advised him to care of the cartridges, and take out [illegible] [illegible] playing tricks with it at school. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], slept in train after [illegible] draft [illegible] to Jimmie & [illegible] about sending cheque for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] cheque and [illegible] some [illegible] next [illegible]. Tel. Lady Kinnear accepts luncheon for [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Clarke's Thursday. Tel Salmon's [illegible] [illegible] Cox's [illegible]. Peter [illegible] to get 3 lbs for him [illegible] I gave him [illegible] for school at [illegible] [illegible]. To [illegible] again and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] at desk. Mr West is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. W. Mc Gough. Home 5.30. [illegible] dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Clark. [illegible] and I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] M. Wilhelm's [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] C. had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them. [illegible] dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Bed early.

TUESDAY November 7

Not so much disturbed by
night. Getting up at 6 next
door [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
Dictated letter to John and
and then slept in Taxi. Heard
King Lockman talking [illegible]
and others against Jews and
Russians. [illegible] cut off
[illegible] so did not really get to
till after 12. Lunch Kelly Cameron
here [illegible] Cameron and his
daughter Catherine working at
American Embassy, also Col
Dick Charteris. Showed me her
pictures that she is painting. Got
adhesive tape at Red - Cross [illegible]
for Alice's finger nails. Office call
for [illegible] about Wellesley and
[illegible] relations; [illegible] Royal
[illegible] placing other [illegible].
[illegible] 5-30 and slept in train.
Stopping at Mrs Paulett's to get [illegible]
[illegible]. She gave me a [illegible] of
apples from her tree - very nice. At
5 called [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] staying [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] - Not at all
sympathetic. Felt she [illegible] be

Wednesday. NOVEMBER 8

Cold last night with my [illegible] with approx. [illegible] for Two [illegible] but couldn't get news. 7.30 news say Roosevelt ahead but not in Dutchess. D. was not round too good. W. Charles Butler in there. Papers say Roosevelt leading and has Ohio & Pennsylvania.

At office Mr. Macrone of Westminster called and was helped about printing Lady Gregory and [illegible] in Ireland. Spent morning laying out title page for Royal [illegible] about [illegible] etc. at desk. In afternoon fixed up most of preliminaries. Did not go out all day [illegible] as [illegible]. Mrs Cook brought in early evening paper announcing victory for Mr Roosevelt with good majority. Great pleasure and relief. Alix called before luncheon, hoping for letter, [illegible] she has taken up aeroplanes as her new hobby. D. does not like idea of not coming down Friday evening! [illegible] and I could not let her walk in the dark from the station. Home 5-20. [illegible] + [illegible] between [illegible] & [illegible] walked home alone ahead of others [illegible] [illegible]. C. delighted with Roosevelt Victory. A. in better humour [illegible] lost [illegible] brought back. After dinner read papers. Accounts

Thursday November 9th
Wore flannel shirt under my
pyjamas and was not so cold.
Woken as usual by Bright's
alarm clock at 8 o'c. C. got up
for breakfast. She went straight
to Guy's Hospital for her treatment
& I [illegible] letters [illegible]
my [illegible] to [illegible]. Tried to get
Money for [illegible] but [illegible]
Cleared up post etc. Came [illegible]
C. draft letters to [illegible] Porter
and Mr Bell that [illegible] in
[illegible]. Luncheon Claridges [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] Cameron [illegible]
[illegible] and C. went afterwards
to [illegible] Court with Lady [illegible].
Signed wages cheques etc. Went
for Contents and illustrations of Royal
N[illegible] asked for Mr C. to copy
Sent [illegible] Dunn specifications
for Lady Gregory's [illegible]. Home
5.30 meeting C. in train in open
coach as no carriages, no empty
seats. Diane Mathews wanted to talk
but was supposed to join her and [illegible].
Drink before dinner. Read papers
after. [illegible] bottles in wine cellar.

FRIDAY November 10th.

up late. Breakfast 10 o'c. Built fire in half [illegible] style, but poor work [illegible] after. [illegible]. Going slowly but all right. Talk chiefly about guns and [illegible] to kill two before Christmas. Cloudy cold sunny day. Put Peter's big boat away in his house, and [illegible] front half into stable. [illegible] telephoned [illegible] all about moving furniture to flat in Mews next Friday! Spent afternoon reading and [illegible] Mrs Penny's [illegible] [illegible] copy [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Evening [illegible] + wood [illegible]. Tea together in sitting room. [illegible] A. prepared for sleeping in cottage as Mrs Purbis has re-turned; I had a nap in chair by fire and C. went to [illegible] Drinks of gin and orange before dinner. [illegible] have been reading in papers that [illegible] will be [illegible] in all western countries; as well as in Germany. Built [illegible] at pyramid fire in hall. Kept it up after dinner so that hall and attic were almost too hot. Though it is very cold outside. Mr Churchill has spoken of rocket bombs that go up 70 miles into stratosphere. Read Times

SATURDAY. November 11

up 8-30. Built-up fire & built [illegible] by putting wood on bed of glowing coals from last night's fire. Breakfast here. O. 10 o'c. Down to [illegible] for stamps & money & etc. Kept hot water bottle and shoes for [illegible]. Bacon to mind. Took [illegible] down to Major Buckman, after paying men. Cleared out garage. Alix arrived from London about 1 a.m. at breakfast. Says she could fly in aeroplanes. After lunch. [illegible] up [illegible] in [illegible] room. Stamped cards. Cleaned off big rusty iron staple for Mrs. [illegible] to [illegible] attack instead of [illegible] my hammer. Down [illegible] Jack Bramwell. [illegible] [illegible] there. [illegible] needed for hedge bordering Castle field. [illegible] wires in [illegible] & [illegible] for gate. Looked out some crockery & furniture for flat in [illegible]. Tea w. G. & Alix. Anne returned to cottage with Josephine. Kept busy about fire going all day in hall. Weather milder. Most damp & rain. Supper in chair by fire. Drink. After dinner. [illegible] for Alix. Read letter [illegible] Bradley. Read Times. [illegible]

SUNDAY November 12

Breakfast — m. C. 9-30. Around stalls. Built-up fire in hay when I came down for my hot water. Lovely still sunny morning with heavy white frost, but clouded over before luncheon. I went to church and spoke to Evelyn after about Alix's part. She expressed doubts of trying to train. Alix is an actress – gives with many limitations actors. Professors are uncertain. Said she would try to engage part for her own and C. and I took cracking for flat – way calls. After lunch. Sat in C. with my room there when she went to rest. Did my usual Sunday afternoon toilet cutting moustache and hair on ears and clipping nails whilst C. read and was provided dream stuff. Before lunch took stairs. Ff down into pantry a [illegible] felt carrying to duty and then we're always accidents. Count [illegible] to Mr Reginald Smith. Tea

MONDAY November 13th

Final directions to Clarke and Miss Stork. C. in taxi picked me up by Sheraton and drove us up to [illegible] together. W. Miss Chrystal on [illegible] C. self. Made list of [illegible] for October. Taxi w. C to Dunchattle. Then to Stevens for bread and grapes. Miss C. left [illegible] many [illegible] Desert [illegible]. Morning [illegible] and dealt with all letters etc that had come in. Long letter from [illegible] begging me not to [illegible] his [illegible] without his approval. Worked on Lady Gregory proofs. Lunch bread & fruit at desk. Worked on Royal Newmarket and got only [illegible] 7 page proofs ready and then Quinlan called up and said Rees had another plan for [illegible] his blacks [illegible] [illegible] letter. Tel [illegible] about [illegible] Tea w. C at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Then Stevens [illegible] w. Hugh Wakefield. Amusing. Or back to Dunchattle. [illegible] after dinner

TUESDAY November 14th

Office 10 o'c. W. draft letter all the morning for Miss C. to copy. Lunch Claridge's with Jessie Gregory and talked about Teddy Gregory's Journals. She seems [illegible] and sympathetic - nice girl. Saw Alice Cavendish and [illegible] also Malcolm Sargent who got up & went over to speak to Alice.

After lunch to look at flat & see [illegible] Smith about money and ~~[illegible]~~ Miss Foster about carpets. Cat Palk [illegible] and [illegible] at Maitland's. Back to office signed letters etc. [illegible] at Claridge's I met Sargent Malcolm after lunch [illegible] [illegible] settled. Tea at [illegible] [illegible] stayed till 5.30. Home & [illegible] [illegible] to bed woke up [illegible] chilly tho' room quite warm, felt [illegible] all evening. Dinner w. [illegible] Robertson. [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] Saw him afterwards and Mrs Carnegie who were at dinner. Called W[illegible]

WEDNESDAY November 15th

Felt better after sleeping very [illegible]
for once a little upset and [illegible]
[illegible] Rackets [illegible] [illegible]
and Ogier. [illegible] with [illegible]
the [illegible]. After 10 o'c.
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Betty
Cummings in [illegible] Meyer [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] at the Ritz
[illegible]. Saw Ralph [illegible]
with a girl and spoke to him
about [illegible]. [illegible] to [illegible]
and [illegible] with and [illegible]
at [illegible] for [illegible]. Then
back here to Ballet - Lac des
Cygnes [illegible]. To Ballet &
[illegible] after. Mr [illegible]
[illegible]. Signed letters, [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] for an [illegible]
[illegible] ballet and we [illegible]
[illegible] for tea and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]'s dinner [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible], Sir [illegible],
[illegible] and Ethel 3 others.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 7
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]. Drink
with Robertson. After

THURSDAY November 16th

woke late 7.30 and had
breakfast before shaving.
Packed and took C. & 1 drawer together
1 [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
to hospital. offices and [illegible].
draft [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
Mr Killer [illegible] Mr C. [illegible] copy
Call for Alix. [illegible] out [illegible]
from [illegible] throat specialist
[illegible] told her to come back [illegible]
[illegible] when she [illegible] [illegible] her [illegible]
and he would [illegible] what to do perhaps
later [illegible] her [illegible] in [illegible]
or do something else. She was up
at [illegible] 1 [illegible] her to garage [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
& day, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] without
an operation. Joined C. for
luncheon. Quite pleasant
[illegible] with her [illegible] [illegible] place
Dropped her at [illegible] Cinema
worked placing illustrations in
[illegible] [illegible] and then went
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with
Mr [illegible]. Met C. and home 5.30
[illegible] [illegible] did not turn up. [illegible]
dressing [illegible] dinner. Sat by fire
[illegible] [illegible]. Very cold.

FRIDAY November 17th

hot water bottle, flannel shirt and
cardigan jacket and kept warm
through windows wide open.
up 7.0°C. Warmer & [illegible]
Eventually arrived to take [illegible]
up to flat and Charles [illegible]
them. They got off at 10:30.
Still raining. [illegible] fire going in
hall. Tel [illegible] and found C's
[illegible] has come [illegible]. Tel. [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible]
Mrs Watkinson called while C was
[illegible] flowers to collect £1. for
Christmas [illegible] hospital. Alix [illegible]
with stomach ache in bed clutching
a hot-water-bottle. C. blamed [illegible]
[illegible] etc etc but would have
given [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] only bread and hot milk
After lunch went to see her and
found her sister comfortably in
good [illegible]. Talk to C. and [illegible]
we could not keep Alix unless C.
could get over [illegible]
C. said she would try. Read soldier's
letters [illegible] Felicie [illegible]. Rested
[illegible] comfortably. Alix
[illegible] to [illegible] well and [illegible]
[illegible] electric light where there
[illegible]. Alix pleasant

SATURDAY November 15th — Warm fair

Up late. Breakfast 10 o'c.
Changed water [illegible] in big
[illegible] jug in [illegible]. [illegible]
called us. [illegible] [illegible] A.R.P.
Warden [illegible] rocket-bombs
as "Explosions" and no [illegible]
[illegible] gas [illegible] in future.
Drove to [illegible] for money and
stamps. Made up [illegible] and
[illegible]. Plummer's [illegible]
came along well. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] but he took only [illegible]
for cottage [illegible]. Told
better to have [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible]. After lunch
stamped [illegible]. [illegible] J. Beard
about thatching. Says he has
turned out [illegible]
[illegible] and paid [illegible].
Say, [illegible] 3/7 [illegible] for hedge.
Told [illegible] yesterday that I [illegible]
[illegible] hedge. Alex out in boat
[illegible]. [illegible] in studio & garage
for [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible]
by Roy [illegible] and found [illegible]
[illegible] ½ hour by [illegible]. Tea. [illegible]
[illegible]. Drink. After dinner [illegible]

Sunday November 19. Clear & mild but
another wild night of rain and no
wind but warm. Up 8.30 am.
Breakfast after Alix and C., at 10 oc.
Wound clocks. Built-up fires in
Hall. Made out receipt for
Rubberman rent of garden. Made
drinks and lunch and Alfrida
brought Arnold Taynbee over after
lunch and Dennis de Bomilet came
in time for party and stayed to
lunch, and afterwards talked
about his book to C. and me
until 3.30. Then C. went up
to rest but did not sleep! I
slept soundly in chair by fire.
Alix came in from boat for tea
and afterwards I made list of
things for Charley to do, and
Dr. [illegible] came at 4 with him
when he came to see my fire [illegible]
[illegible]. C. & Alix drove to
the cottage for a drink with
Arnold Taynbee. A. not very
nice and she upset C. badly
who spent evening thinking how
she could leave & live on money
away from A. After dinner
talked and listened to [illegible]

MONDAY November 20th
Disturbed a good deal by Violet in night [illegible] who did not get up till 9.40 so breakfast [illegible] late. Alix went off by [illegible] 7 o'c train and I am afraid was caught by rain. Think I saw 4.5 nymphs on platform in a [illegible]! Rested in [illegible], stopped at Johnsons & bought new hat and got some more [illegible] [illegible] Alix's finger [illegible] at [illegible] Bell and Creighton [illegible] of [illegible] black currant [illegible] Phillips's. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to A N [illegible] empty [illegible] back and got 2 bottles of gin. Stopped top of Monmouth St. and got loaf of Johnsons bread. Signed letters to Hugh Wyndham in reply to his enquiry about Admiral Ross back [illegible] Smith about moving furniture completed all right. Mrs [illegible] took Alix's things to Convent. Home 5.30 [illegible] N.E. wind [illegible]. After dinner [illegible]

[illegible]

TUESDAY November 21st
Quiet early morning as Violet sleeps in Night passage and Mrs S. called me at 6.40 by turning on my light. Lovely cold bright morning. W. Mrs Miller in train, going to Highgate dentist for Peter. W. Was tired. Back about office [illegible] to tote expenses. Stopped at A & N stores for cider but licensed hours not till 11.30. Office and wind and dull afternoon. Mrs. Tel. Mrs Reginald Smith and arranged for luncheon next Tuesday. Lunch at Oak Court [illegible]. W. Percy Cameron asked him to lunch next Wednesday. Left case at Quaker the morning to have locks repaired. After lunch W. more draft letters. Looked at Royal Number proof and gave Miss C. fresh page to look at. Left office tonight. Home 5.30. Weather [illegible], very cold, N. Wind walking home. Built up fire in hall. After dinner [illegible] read Times [illegible] talk about A. Then burnt my [illegible] [illegible]. Glowing coal a

(8) WEDNESDAY November 22nd

Rain all night and floods as big as I have ever seen them. Woke myself up at 7.45. Mild and grey walking to station. Rushed in train. Bought apples at Victoria and to office by underground. Stopped at [illegible] for darning needles. Spent entire day fussing up Royal Newmarket with pictures of King's Gallery in text. Alix called at luncheon time. Keeps plaster on nails and really seems to be stopping biting them. Wanted to look for [illegible] so took her to Galerie Lafayette where we saw [illegible] in [illegible] and some nice colours but none both. Back to office and had quick luncheon. Just starting on Royal Newmarket again when Theodore Schuller called. His baby was born in September. [illegible] ordinary very fair. His wife's name is Johanna Erskine but he calls her [illegible]. Simmonds came in, new drawing for specialist copying old. Practically finished Royal [illegible] home 5.30 walk in rain from station. [illegible] very warm. After dinner mended trousers. After that gone up. C. called in.

THURSDAY November 23rd

Looked for Alix's coupons but couldn't find them. To station early & followed in taxi with Alfreda & Mrs Luckman. Betty Mathews at station with Françoise her baby – with lovely eyes. Mrs Crocker in[?] insisted on getting into our carriage giggling and chattering and I with a splitting headache got up and went to my corner seat in front carriage. Worked on 2e Bank test to prevent Bank from selling securities. Met B. at Victoria and went with him to Barney's on his way to Cap. Cut cake for Peter. Just as I finished. Mr Mead suggested sending booksellers that Barnes[?] stock and I worked on it all day. Alix called for her allowance & asked the school dates for her party. Had to print at night. Went over stocks in stock and finished at 30°C. To Barney for Xmas shopping. Bought and paid for Xmas [illegible]. They gave me a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] whatever[?] hired in [illegible]. Asked Cannon [illegible] about Clasp for [illegible]. Signed letters & checked list. Met A. Victoria

[illegible]

Friday November 24th

Did not sleep well and woke early w. slight sore throat. G. says his leg is specially painful hot and throbbing. Out to see greenhouse nearly finished but Plummer [?] to apply steps [?]. Got out chair for Woodward's room and scrub [?] for Cottage day nursery. Worked on Mrs Eddy poetry for short time before and after lunch. Weather warmer and damp. [illegible] Glen Connie left at 10 o'C. Sore throat slight but made me feel ill. To bed at 2.30 when G. went to work. Slept until 5 and felt a little better. Tea and worked on Mrs Eddy till dinner. Mrs Plummer [illegible] told to [illegible] jump a gamble [?]. After dinner finished mending my brown tweed trousers but not so invisibly as I hoped. Listened to Alistair Cooke on post-war political economy. Failure of England and America to agree to make prospect of world prosperity seem rather remote — or indeed any prosperity permanent anywhere. Each spot seeming isolated, or dominated [?] [illegible]. [illegible] brought tea in. Did not have any paste for Alfalfa for last night's letters, [illegible]

[illegible] Dick [?] [illegible] Tommy [illegible]

SATURDAY November 25th

Slept better and sore throat practically gone. Up 7.30. A. down early because her bath cold. Breakfast together. Hunted in Alex's room (left too untidy) for return book and found it under other ones on book case. To square for stamps, money and beer. After and Annie getting [illegible] at Dalmahoys. Made up [illegible] and paid [illegible]. Talk Plummer about Green house. Said I would pay him for material & work he had done on it. He protested and said he was glad to do it and "I said to Charley [illegible] he is a proper gentleman — when he [illegible] me in [illegible] he doesn't only just [illegible] Plummer." I thanked him but did not let him say any more. Ask Charley [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] till he has finished [illegible] on he will just [illegible] and [illegible]. A. and I lunch alone. Very pleasant lovely day no sunlight in [illegible]. Stamped 1 [illegible]. Down [illegible] St. and got [illegible] from [illegible]. He showed me this [illegible] [illegible], carpenter his real trade. Talk Plummer about [illegible] £7 [illegible] [illegible] greenhouse. [illegible] [illegible] £2 and [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] on Chinese [illegible] for A's bathroom. Tea [illegible] A. [illegible]. Took out lettering for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible]. Drink

SUNDAY November 26th

Up 8:30 shampoo as usual. Break-
fast w. C. woken 2 o'clocks. Pinkie
who arrived to stay at cottage did
not come over to see us yesterday
evening, did not come over to see us
so we sent a message this morning
asking the 3 girls to come over
for a drink before luncheon. C. w.
to Church - first time she has been
for months. Very pleasant time with
girls - eat & leave. Pinkie vastly
improved - thinner, beautifully dressed
and turned out. Hair perfectly
arranged - pearls and [illegible] great
sapphire ring. Seemed of a different
world from Anne and [illegible].
After lunch I did my usual Sunday
trimming of moustache and clipping
nails. Then I came down and C. &
I talked about Pinkie. When C. went
to rest, I spent afternoon fixing up
old [illegible] jacket for Anne. C.
did not sleep, but came down to tea
looking like it. Gave her hip heat
especially - hot and thorough. After
tea dictated letter to Bill [illegible]
and J. Jake Beck about the [illegible]
and J. Dalton about a [illegible].
Drink before dinner. Evening listened
to music & games and dozed before fire.
Finished letter to Belle.

Monday November 27th

Woke up pretty well [illegible] but only slight and I hoped I would not [illegible]. [illegible] Bach & Hemmings called on us when I was at breakfast [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. This [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Q. [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Taylor. Mrs Ba[illegible] to Dorchester. [illegible] [illegible] & to Marguerite [illegible] Bettie's [illegible]. Luncheon [illegible] Lady Rumbold, Mr Fox [illegible] Danish [illegible], Mr & Mrs [illegible] Law who remembered us and suggested collection of his speeches. Mr & [illegible] aged about 16 in all. Q. sat next to Danish Councillor with SHAEF and engaged [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Back to Dorchester for tea. Q. felt better and went to Smiths & [illegible] [illegible] Q. Very good evening. Hemmings Engaged to [illegible] Randall, George Carter, Michael

[illegible]

TUESDAY November 28th

Sam [illegible] seemed better but. [illegible] day of rain & wind; up late. C. lost her surgeon and I the [illegible], arrived 10.30 morning [illegible]. Luncheon wi. C. at the Reginald Smiths who had got [illegible] Butcher Fuller to meet us and provided a wonderful meal with [illegible] dish of hors-d'oeuvres stuck on little sticks, chicken & rich sweet. I disgraced myself by deliberately telling Mr Smith about [illegible] after [illegible] had avoided mentioning the novel or account of Reginald Smith's suicide 26 years ago. C. finally shut me up by throwing back to Dorchester and [illegible]. C. went to film and came in late to tea. I did not go down to dinner but [illegible] on Miss Eddy and had apple and cake [illegible] from tea. C. talked to [illegible] & Thelma Cazalet who is going to ask a question in House about the French internment of P. G. Wodehouse

WEDNESDAY November 29
up 7 o'clock feeling not too well but no particular bad symptoms. To office and dealt wi. current business. Getting on well, after telephoning to Mrs Flower about Mrs Eddy when Alix blew in full of excitement about everything. Asked me to try again to get her a dress so unwisely I took her to Galeries Lafayette pretty colours and models just nothing to spark her or fit so had to give it up again. Lunch ATH. wi. Rosy Cameron and felt much easier. Back to Dorchester and found C. who had just come up after lunch with Kelly Fraser. We both lay down, I to bed, and stayed there till 6 o'c neither sleeping. C. cross and I feeling rather ill. Up for tea & then back to bed. W. draft letter to Ballhausen. W. Peter. Rested and [illegible]

[illegible] sleep

THURSDAY November 30th.

C. spent yesterday evening pleasantly with [illegible] and Sir and Lady F[illegible] formerly [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]. I had fairly good night and woke up [illegible] no [illegible]. I felt really [illegible] indeed [illegible] happy afterwards. Up 7.30. Bath Ex & [illegible] [illegible]. Office 11.30. Mr [illegible] told me of Charlie Evans's death [illegible] Hinemann's [illegible]. Discussed [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] & West [illegible] letter for Mr C. to copy. [illegible] MacGibbon [illegible]. Lunch [illegible] at [illegible]. Car to Alex [illegible] [illegible] asked about [illegible] [illegible] night [illegible] last week. This [illegible] Pipman who said he had not turned up for appointment yesterday. Tel. Mr Price of Deighton about my Augustus frames. Tea and home. At 5, to mother, C. on train. Felt much better. Delicious dinner. [illegible]. Peter with the house keys

FRIDAY December 1st

Seemed to sleep all night till 4 o'c when I lay awake a good deal of the time till 7 o'c. when I ate my apple and found I felt rather ill with a great deal of phlegm in bronchial tubes. Sponged & bath ex. feeling no better. Down to breakfast & wr. fire in dining room. Took cough medicine and friars balsam in kettle and sat all morning in sitting room by fire. Wr. p.c. to Peter. Alfreda came here and I told her about our London visit. Joined by G. all very pleasant. Aunt returning today having left Josephine here with Miss Beadle. After lunch checked Royal Newcastle flags and ills. Made up fire in hall & sitting room from time to time. Nap in chair by fire. Tea. Sat by fire putting ills in Harmonic Diaghilev Ballet in London. Up and completed work in bed. Tel. fr Maurice Bonham Carter. Memorial service for Bubbles at St Bartholomew's Whitsun tomorrow. Recommended Westminster Press. Went on with Bath ills. Out of cough & tired. 10 o'c

Saturday December 2nd
Slept like a pig all night and
felt [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible]
when I woke at 7 o'c. Felt better
after dozing till 9. Mr [illegible] brought
up my wages and insurance paper
themselves and sent him down to
change for money and stamps.
Gradually felt better. Worked on
illustrations for ballet book. Made
[illegible] after C. gave them to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] back-
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hall. Worked on
Ballet book before and after light
lunch. C. to [illegible] and I tried to
sleep with Alex banging about
[illegible] on her [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] slept. Mr Scaife brought [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of having C. [illegible] 6. [illegible]
to take my place on Wednesday
[illegible] [illegible] telephoned [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Worked on Ballet ill. before
and after dinner. Read [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Christopher, Read Times and
Daily Mirror. [illegible] put [illegible]
[illegible] again. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and.

SUNDAY December 2nd

Better night. coughed up [illegible] [illegible]
Mrs Stark brought me my hot
water and breakfast. Spent
morning making list of Ballet
illustrations and positions and
wrote letter to Beaumont and to
Mrs Cook. May [illegible] for
luncheon. Came after a [illegible]
on making herself useful and
so liked. She wanted some
[illegible] papers for her place so
told her where to find a lot
of paper which she brought up
[illegible] gave her some of them.
Finished my ballet ills and started
work on Mrs Eddy. Mrs Sa[illegible]
brought up my luncheon which she
seems to like to do. Rested most of
afternoon. After tea [illegible] up and [illegible]
[illegible] having [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] where [illegible] [illegible]
waiting for her baby. Seems a good
place & no better place can be
found. Cough very deep and [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. After
dinner worked on Mrs Eddy.
Inhaled Eucalyptus. No [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY December 4th

Lovely day. Alex back to London with another cold. Don't seem to get any better myself. Got G. to telephone for Venables. Read paper. Worked till luncheon time on Mrs Eddy. G. looked in just before luncheon. Has been planting fair brown cow lilies. After lunch went on with Mrs Eddy until G. came up to rest. She had sounded Alfreda through Nannie about Cornet and A. said she had thought of it herself. Slept and perspired furiously. Up and dressed & washed. Weighed & found myself still 7 stone 9. Venables called and left tablets, took away blood stained sputum. Relieved. I had [illegible] for him. Does not take my cold lightly and says I must stay in bed. Is worried about his little boy suspected of appendicitis last night. Worked on Mrs Eddy till dinner and again after dinner until midnight. Did not take out light till 1 o'c.

TUESDAY December 5th

Slept well coughed much less and sputum drier but bloodier. Bath did a few exercises which tired me a little but probably did no harm windows over bath half-open. Letter from Peter. Read paper after breakfast. Inhaled [illegible] Friars Balsam and then settled down to Mrs Eddy and worked till luncheon. Luckily [illegible] morning. Mrs Scarland went up to London today so Nanni brought up my lunch. Afterwards worked on Mrs Eddy till 3 o'C and then rested and slept a bit or slept - and up at 3.40 and we had a little talk before she left in Sapper. Out at 4 o'C (forgot - reminded her again that luncheon tomorrow is at 12.45 up and changed things I had been wearing in and set to work on Mrs Eddy preparing it up till tea & then till 7.30 when I realized that I was getting tired. After dinner I read Dreams Days for a bit and then Wonder Book till 10.30 when I put out light

WEDNESDAY December 6th

Coughed less and slept well. Woke and had apple and medicine at 6.30 and then slept till 9. Tel. C. who is all right with nice cough and bath. Dined last night w. John Spinola and Mrs Robertson after. Reminded her to thank Berry for pictures he gave A. and to mention to Mr Carnegie and death of her step-daughter['s] husband, and that Jack was asked for 12.45. Called up Miss Ober after breakfast and made other talk engaged for today. Tell her about Salary cheque. Talk Mr about aretes. Pleasant call from A[...]. Lovely sunny day! Read papers. British support [...] government against left-group EAM which has done [...] [...]. Lunch and took out [...] spot in [...] which Naomi [...] with [...] a [...] as [...] [...]. Worked for Mrs Eddy till 3 then rested till 5. [...] Cash [...] about [...] explaining [...]. [...] [...] out Mrs Eddy. C. called up at [...] Luncheon for Berry & Mrs Carnegie[...] [...] [...] [...]

THURSDAY December 7th

Good night. Nannie & Alfreda up to London 8.30 to see Alec's play. Another lovely day. Bath & Ex. Tel. from Cook can't come to day but will tomorrow. Salary cheque from Mrs Mead which I returned signed. Mr Stork wrote letter. Papers tell of anti-left fighting by Greek government supported by British troops. Amusing practice. Inhaled Friars Balsam. Told about farewell paper at luncheon. Dr Venables called after lunch and found me better so in his day. Evidently Violet went out for Jean & Grant but bell rang with no response. W. Mr West about present for Kermode and threw it out of window to post. He had been trying to get in to see me but I put him off. Resting & had tea. W. draft letter to Mrs Flowers. Breath on my feet when I screamed. Bombs close to Saltfordge last night. Alec looked well & was dignified & [illegible]

[illegible marginal note]

FRIDAY December 9th

G [illegible] [illegible] bed at 1.30
and then spent rest of night
[illegible] C. is [illegible] [illegible] his feet dis-
turbing [illegible] [illegible] a good deal.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] feeling
[illegible] better. No [illegible] Talk
[illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] people get [illegible] and
[illegible] little play. Read [illegible]
[illegible]. Strong [illegible] against [illegible]
[illegible] from Times [illegible]
[illegible] Chronicle leader. C. [illegible] me
[illegible]. Mags letter [illegible]
playing piano again. After lunch
[illegible] [illegible] letter [illegible]
[illegible] to Anne [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]. C. came up and sat with
me. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. Alix arrived [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]. Dinner. [illegible]
C. came up to see me. She is
letting her hair [illegible] [illegible] her
ears as always in the [illegible]
looks well and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] young [illegible] back.
walked [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Saturday DECEMBER 9th
Asthma distressed me at ni. Cissy
on my bed all night. C. had
meant her to sleep on her own
After 9 o'c breakfast made up
wages envelopes and stamped
cheques. Read papers. Mr Churchill
backing an undemocratic gov-
ernment for Greece & other Countries
attacked Spaniards in Italy when Harold
Nicolson ended as a [illegible] peacock.
Charles Humphrey came up to see
me. Greenhouse finished, put
tapering of roof to gulley, being
well [illegible] all next week. Spoke
to Clement Shave for ferns.
Alex found Chris [illegible] [illegible] of
Mrs [illegible] for Shurrat family.
Dr Venables called after lunch, says
I have had light pneumonia or
pneumonitis & taking old [illegible]
Jack Burrell came up before Dr V.
& ordered Xmas trees. Sat [illegible] till 6
again Castle-Rising. Cissie came up
at 4 to have tea on my bed till
dinner [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible]

SUNDAY December 10th 1944

Poor little Cicelle seemed not very well last night and Mrs Scarland gave her some medicines, but this morning she was worse and died in great pain at 9.30. C. & Mrs Scarland broken hearted. The sweetest little cat in the world. C. always said "Cat manifestation of loveliness." Bath etc. [illegible] good for us. Cough [illegible] but [illegible] streaks of pink. Alec spent much of morning getting and fetching [illegible] for [illegible], had already sent [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible] her [illegible] also [illegible] a [illegible] grey [illegible] [illegible] belonged to M. S. C. Fixed up [illegible] [illegible] of things for M. & C. [illegible] Alec [illegible] P.M. After lunch, C. [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] romantic [illegible]. I [illegible] all afternoon but C. could not [illegible]. At tea she suggested getting Mrs Scarland [illegible] [illegible] to Caroline [illegible]'s [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Kenneth Graham [illegible] [illegible] Alec [illegible] afternoon. [illegible]

MONDAY December 11th
Day started bright with sun streaming in Imogen's bed but then clouded over. Slept well, but congestion in chest turned [illegible] and coughed up more mucous. Baltz ex. but wonder if they are good for me. C. slept but [illegible] in [illegible] then [illegible] little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Sun in and out. Read papers. More support for government in [illegible] crisis. [illegible] seems to be getting worse. Violent [illegible] S. Africa came off in [illegible] me at 12.15. Think I felt better after inhaling. Friar's Balsam. W. Mrs [illegible] about youth club suggestion. Conversation with the [illegible] [illegible]. Quite enjoyed lunch of [illegible] spaghetti and [illegible] apples in [illegible]. Slept all afternoon. Nothing to [illegible] with tea. C. sat with me. She does not feel well. [illegible] has no place to go for her baby. [illegible] £ 30/00 sed. W. drafts letters for Mr. Cook to type before and after dinner. Read [illegible] Graham

TUESDAY December 12th

Slept not fully & lightly and woke feeling better. Bath ex.
tea with [illegible] about 5 o'C.
Breakfast 8.30. Read paper.
Situation in Greece not improving.
Charley came to see me about [illegible]
[illegible] which is rather alarming
[illegible]. Peter Way [illegible] D.L.
came up to see me. She first
refused and then consented to
[illegible] Anne and Alfred to
night. I said I thought of course
the [illegible] but I did not like to
[illegible] her father. I hope she
does not [illegible] and commit
herself to an attempt. She came
downstairs. After lunch [illegible]
to [illegible] about [illegible] these
[illegible] days to her Aunt [illegible].
Read back correspondence re. [illegible]
[illegible]. Slept 2.45 - 4.45. G. [illegible]
and then went to do her monthly [illegible]
[illegible]. Tea [illegible], getting [illegible].
[illegible] talking [illegible] heat [illegible]
[illegible] came to see me about [illegible]
[illegible] Dr. Y. came at [illegible] time. Says
[illegible] a bit [illegible].

WEDNESDAY December 13

G's birthday. A perfect sunny pretty day. Mrs Stark & Ivy went to [illegible] by 9 o'c train to buy some [illegible] for the wedding. Had bath ex. [illegible] then shaved and breakfast at 9. All windows closed last night because of Fox's warning of further burglaries. Read papers. 10.3 letters in [illegible]. [illegible] and [illegible] accused [illegible] of unwanted men [illegible] letter from [illegible] West about a [illegible] in Gt. Russell St. W. asking him to consult Till. Letter fr. Conolly gentleman [illegible] again about [illegible] and letter fr. Bond St. dog shop quoting fabulous prices. Invoices [illegible] in Burnham for [illegible] which had not [illegible]. Dressed and lunch in sitting room. [illegible] came [illegible] about [illegible]. Tel. Burnham who said they would take them back but [illegible] prices 6d. each for 3-5-0. W. Conolly Gentleman about bag. Up & [illegible] till tea. Woke up in [illegible] bath and [illegible] G. sat in my [illegible] after tea. Read Times.

THURSDAY December 14th
Mild dull day. Slept lightly, dreamt heavily. Not refreshed. C. up to London with [illegible] and [illegible].
Read papers after breakfast and then rested & asleep, woke Dr. came about 11.45. Found me going on all right. Told him about C.'s hip. He took no interest beyond saying it was a pity she had not [illegible] an effect [illegible] it was a perfect [illegible]. Says no use in having [illegible] light treatment unless she exercises between treatments.
Dressed and down to luncheon by fire in sitting room. Sent cheques back to office signed, etc. W. [illegible] cheques etc. Out to post bank. Up to bed and rest 3 o'c.
Dressed again at 4 o'c and down to tea in sitting room. W. Jimmie. Thanking him for photograph of Genevieve & Ernest great grandchildren after the [illegible] wedding [illegible]. C. got back about 7 o'c having had luncheon w. Robin and Margaret at the Ritz. Up to bed at 8 o'c and had dinner in bed - my usual [illegible] cream, toast & baked apples.
W. Peter. Worried about [illegible] [illegible]
B. came up to see me. Read book on [illegible] in Poland

FRIDAY December 15th

Slept rather better but woke at 6 by Violet's alarm clock. Dressed during bath water. Wi Mrs Hook at 7 o'c. and drank Ovaltine first. Had a good bath & ex. at 90°C. Breakfast in bed & read papers. Earle wrote no real sign that Churchill will back down. Dressed and out. C. in sitting room. Dealt with business from office. W. Guinness enclosing letter from Abt about Xmas present of china dog. Luncheon in sitting room by fire. Went on with dealing with letters etc. C. went up to Elect and I went out for little walk by Nelson's and back by Cadogan gate. Jack Humphrey finding well not in his own greenhouse which is ... up. Worst, slept and down for bed. Indigestion upset by emotion. Paid bills etc. Dinner in sitting room. M. Paper. Read letter from Curtis about Bubbles. Read Alice's terrible story & then I ...

SATURDAY December 16th
Breakfast down stairs in
sitting room 9.30. Alex
arrived from London before
I finished. Read papers.
Made up wages envelopes
and stamped cards. Men
came in for their money.
Rain all the morning.
Somehow missed Lady Iris while
she was washing her hands and
waited for her to appear talking
to Alex till 1.20 when found
she was in dining room nursing
indignation against us. Jim
Anne left for Xmas in Smith
lately to be brought. Rain had
stopped. Out to Sir Charles & down
to wood where Bennett-Hales
were grubbing up roots for me
... Felt rather ill. C.H. sighed
at tea of us she talked of her
childhood at Bar Harbour. Read
papers. Mixed drinks of whiskey. After dinner

Smoked 1st cig. since my illness

SUNDAY. December 17th

Night of wild wind and rain beat through Cottage thatch into ceilings. Breakfast 9.30. Wound clocks. Opened silver boxes and found my snuff box but curiously many [illegible]. Changed [illegible] for my [illegible] C's [illegible] she has [illegible] to me. Alix [illegible] out [illegible] to C's invitation [illegible] let her go on. Read papers. [illegible] Macmillan [illegible] a liberal element in Greek [illegible]. Out [illegible] Charles before luncheon. Alfreda came [illegible] and [illegible] discussed things she must [illegible] with C. [illegible] Nannie. Out after lunch. [illegible] looked at wall + greenhouse [illegible] all right. [illegible] about thatching. [illegible] draft letter to [illegible]. Talk Alix about holiday and visit from her friend [illegible] — she [illegible] and rather silly at her best [illegible] talking about [illegible]. Talk Charles [illegible] decided to sell or kill + [illegible] Geese. Alfreda [illegible] Queen [illegible] [illegible]. Mr Scotland [illegible]. Talk C's [illegible].

MONDAY December 18th

Woke 3.20 and did not properly sleep again. I [illegible] about [illegible] and what to do [illegible] D. V. [illegible] [illegible] down [illegible] [illegible] up stairs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] N. [illegible] very much [illegible] S.M. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] N. [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible]. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. [illegible] up to London. [illegible] [illegible] station. [illegible] little boy in [illegible] who looked like [illegible] [illegible]. Mr Bon [illegible]. [illegible] at Victoria so C. [illegible] not accept [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Took 3 [illegible] apples & got [illegible] of [illegible] bread at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Office, dealt with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Signed [illegible] [illegible] cheques etc. Talk Mr [illegible] about [illegible] in Great Russell St. C. telephoned [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C. Wyndham [illegible] she had [illegible] letter [illegible] Tommy [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] but C. [illegible] [illegible] her. [illegible] at desk apples & bread [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Dictated & signed letters. Paper [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 4.54 [illegible]. Tea at office. To [illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] into [illegible] 1 for C. 1 for [illegible]. C. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] Osborne. [illegible] [illegible] & when C. came back [illegible] [illegible] paper & [illegible]. C. [illegible] dinner [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & D. C. [illegible]. C. [illegible] [illegible] Katherine [illegible]. She had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Good [illegible]

TUESDAY December 19th
Slept better up at 7 o'c
Breakfast in room. Bus
to Carfax [illegible] and got [illegible]
with [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible].
Back to [illegible] and soon Peter
came in [illegible] took him [illegible]
"the Original" to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] altered.
He went shopping [illegible] 1.
[illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] £40
per day! [illegible]. Peter to get
his stuff to make [illegible]
and [illegible] Victoria [illegible] got
him sandwiches and [illegible]
[illegible] by 1.45. Back [illegible]
N. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] £5.19.2
[illegible] Faraday. Back [illegible]
[illegible] Ballet etc. Tel
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] well if a bit [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] 6.50 –
[illegible] till 1.30 o'c [illegible] [illegible] N [illegible]

WEDNESDAY December 20th

Tel. fr. Alfreda who is sitting in her flat in Grosvenor St. [illegible]. She got the Mathias. C. got lift in private car & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] weather and fog. [illegible] 12 o'C. W. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] & got magnif. prism & 2 magnifying glasses for Peter & [illegible] [illegible] box for his birthday. Got [illegible] for Alfreda & [illegible] for [illegible] & C. & tobacco [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] yellow fog. Tel. C. who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who had [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]. Says [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], but I think that no [illegible]. C. is [illegible] luncheon [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] luncheon at desk.

Out to see [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in Gt. Russell St. T. [illegible] & got [illegible] on [illegible] for C. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] £30. a week [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Kennedy. [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible] [illegible] Cattle. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] C. called up and said [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] taxi [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] just [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 5 [illegible]. Dined and talked to [illegible] Cattle.

- THURSDAY December 21st

[illegible] fog [illegible] - damp - [illegible] [illegible] when I got up. Breakfast - [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in her [illegible] little flat 32 [illegible] Street. [illegible] [illegible] and met Alix. Talked. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Camus [illegible] Mr [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a big box [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] pages that Frank [illegible] back from [illegible] 7 years ago. [illegible] [illegible] Mr [illegible] [illegible] 107 [illegible] [illegible] St. He [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] Xmas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] St - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] St. [illegible] [illegible] 137 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] - Taxi to Victoria [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] porter, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my luggage [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Finally found the [illegible]

FRIDAY December 22nd

Woke feeling better. Nanny called up
soon after 8. Alfreda had a son born
4 o'c this morning. They got to hospital
easily before midnight. Her doctor
as we afterwards learned could not get
to hospital in fog & A. delivered by
Penelope Jowett's husband who happened
to be there. All went well, boy fair, 7lb.
Sent Peter down to Aunt W's [illegible] envelope
for wages money. Sat in sitting room
with C & read papers. Alix arrived
middle of morning. Damp foggy
mild day. After lunch worked on
various accounts and filled up forms
for extra clothing coupons for [illegible]
C. rested and came down feeling
better. Children happy and amicable.
News tells of fighting going on in Athens
and German advance into Belgium
and Luxembourg. Freddie called up
to congratulate. Telephoned to
Marguerite. C. & I had drinks before
dinner. Peter trying to make rocket
which fizzed but would not rise.
After dinner Peter went to bed early
and Alix worked in her room on the
scrap book she is making for C.
Showed C. the [illegible] [illegible] for
Alix and she approves. C. talked to
Nanny all evening. [illegible] talked to A's nurse

[illegible]

SATURDAY December 23rd

up 8 o'c. I had good bath but A. not so good. Mrs Hook said she stopped Alix from taking much water, and I told her not to interfere with children. [illegible] went to [illegible] them and C. finds them very trying. Notice in Times of his son, with Alpha in quotation marks, put in by Nannie!! C. terribly upset. There [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with her. Sent Peter to square for money and stamps. [illegible] up envelopes and paid [illegible] extra for Christmas. Children packing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] a [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible], up with them to attic and got [illegible] paper for Alix wrapping up Xmas presents and gave Peter great copying pencil. Peter and I started cutting down Xmas tree from pepper pot to 7: After lunch Alix and Peter helped me set it up. Then they went to Castle and I shaped the tree snipping off branches. Kept up fire in [illegible] sitting room. Pasted in C's big fire. C. slept and came down to tea feeling better. Peter made many more [illegible] rockets. Got her glass Chimney replaced by Beach. Telephone

SUNDAY December 24th

up 7 o'c. Fixed bath for Peter in Nanni's bathroom. G-1 had good baths in my bathroom, 1 at 8.45. G.2 9.10. Papers hint at more authority for Montgomery in issue of Rundstedt success in Western Front. Children spent entire morning at Castle getting ready for Nativity Play. Mrs [illegible] friend Doris [illegible] and her husband came for Christmas. Lovely sunny winter day. Floods out and wind [illegible]. Read papers. Lit fire in N. room & got old chest [illegible] for Xmas tree [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] Butler [illegible]. [illegible]. Wound clocks. Children home to lunch exactly on time. Alex's cold worse. After lunch Children helped me bring in Xmas tree and then went back to castle. I spent [illegible] [illegible] lamp, brought back [illegible] by [illegible]. G. up to [illegible]. Wanted to make [illegible] fire [illegible] wet green wood. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] fire and got a bit [illegible]. Children back to tea and then up to castle again. G.-1 [illegible] [illegible] tea. Children came back and helped [illegible] [illegible], finished tea. [illegible]. Nanni [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] wants me to come up to see baby. Alex feeling ill. At [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY December 25th

XMAS

up 8 o'c. Water too cool for bath
Alice did not get up for breakfast
on account of her cold and she
says that Mrs Scanland never gives
her a decent breakfast as she does
Peter. She got up later and I told
her to stay in sitting room by fire.
C. and Peter to church. Afterwards
C. and I gave Cecily David-Mc Rattie(?)
her presents and walked a little
about place up the ramp and then
to the new wall next to Plummers.
Eric Rowe(?) met us. Roper(?) and Sheila
on her new bicycle. Her face was
swollen from having 3 wisdom teeth
out. I had a bath before lunch.
Goose and non-dyspeptic Xmas pudding.
Alice and Peter to Castle for Nativity
play. C. and I tied up Xmas presents and
then both rested. I slept in bed. Up
at 5 o'c. Tea with proper Xmas
cake. Kit-Cee(?) and Nathew(?) brought
David and Remy(?) Plummer to see them.
Mrs Scanland, Violet and Mr-Mrs [illegible]
came in and we had our presents.
Then 2 [illegible] around with all
their children except Ronnie recovering of
appendicitis. Then a sherry for older ones
[illegible] drinks [illegible] Xmas [illegible]. After dinner [illegible]

Tuesday December 26th
up 8 o'c no bath. Told Mrs S. I
would have breakfast with
Children and wanted each of them
to have the same as a cooked break-
fast. She was in general angry &
said she always did. At breakfast
Peter's plate was only a little fuller than
Ai but- she was in general jealous.
Spent most of morning [illegible]
[illegible] in hall & sitting-room. At
[illegible] [illegible] Alex- [illegible]
Children out [illegible] Very
[illegible] & [illegible]
After lunch got old [illegible] work-[illegible]
[illegible] after [illegible] C. Cut small [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at night C [illegible]
[illegible] present [illegible] C. and [illegible]
black currant. [illegible]
Again & gave [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I gave Cecil 10/- for him. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
old papers but didn't do much
Kept up fire. W. Mrs Crouch [illegible]
Tea and [illegible] difficult got C [illegible]
at [illegible] Mr [illegible] Mr [illegible]
[illegible] Evelyn, Cecily and all the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] played
[illegible] [illegible]. When we got home

Tuesday December 27th

Colder & fuggy. Water just barely warm enough for bath. Breakfast. Got very early [illegible] to go to Alfreda. 6 & 1 day to London. 10.10 Had to change at Horsham in 5 train mi. no seats, but husband & lady who looked like Anne [illegible] gave G. a seat. I stood up all the way. Very cold. At Victoria bought a little bunch of yellow narcissus - all we could get - Taxi to Westminster Hospital. Alfreda looked very pretty & most distinguished. Glad to see us. [illegible] we brought her eggs and snacks etc. Then baby was wheeled in. Little mouth and dark eyes. Then we saw his nose - [illegible] across the nostril. Strangely shaped head but good back to it. [illegible] a healthy [illegible] [illegible] asked [illegible] way. Alfreda [illegible] [illegible] it but said she didn't [illegible] [illegible] to had it. We stayed 3/4 hour. Nurse [illegible] [illegible]. Got a taxi easily and went to flat where we saw Nanny and got [illegible]. Then to Victoria. [illegible] coffee and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]. Home about 4. [illegible] Tea & slept in chair. Dinner. [illegible] [illegible]

Children [illegible] bumped up and down [illegible] [illegible]

THURSDAY December 28th

Opened my window above my door when I went to bed and was glad of the fresh air for the first time since Fox told Mrs S. to keep bed rooms windows closed as [illegible] burglars were about. Up 7.30 and let Peter have a bath at 8.15 which he said was only luke. Read papers after breakfast then went out to see C. Humphrey about making concrete floor to stable. Said he could start if I helped half floor. So I took him and Newell off sawing wood and we mixed [illegible] from till 12 o'c. Then Charley came and with his help it was finished. A bit late to luncheon with children & G's natural annoyance as he started afresh. After lunch we [illegible] about Children's visit to Ashley. C. Humphrey & Newell started [illegible] stable floor. Down to [illegible] for doing Peter's shoes & to get [illegible]. Gave Wells 10/- [illegible] and we planned [illegible] bath room etc. Read [illegible] Memories & [illegible]. Tea alone. Children & [illegible] & Anne [illegible] in Peter's house. Read Oliphant. After dinner, Peter & I dismantled X mas Tree.

FRIDAY December 29th

Up 8.0 bath, water hopeless. Fire in hall going well because I banked it last night. Dining room so cold C. had breakfast in sitting room. Trees thawed somewhat but ground white with frost like snow. Wild brooks lightly frozen. Peter went down to fill in sand came back wet. We moved Kings Tree out into famed court. Read papers and letters. Bath at 12.15. After lunch out to see Humphrey and Newell at work levelling stakes for concrete floor. Settled down to read Elephant getting more interesting. Read till I got so sleepy and had nap in chair by fire. Children had tea at Mrs. Hickmans with Jean & Elsie Ivy. C and I just starting tea when Mrs Casper called. I escaped over and had tea in dining room when C. had finished. Mrs C. beg had tea at home. Read Elephant till dinner stopping to unpack new lamp-shades. After dinner, Read Elephant. Abie talking to Klee, John Healy in Nanaes room,

SATURDAY December 30

up 7 o'c. When I went down for hot water at 7.10 Violet not down and Mrs Scarland was only starting to light fires. Ordered breakfast for Peter - me at 8 and Mrs S. said this was not time. Violet had overslept. However breakfast was ready at 8. and Peter went off for the 9.10 and Ashby [illegible] to square for money and stamps. Made up envelopes [illegible] [illegible] men. Violet gave notice [illegible] Quarrel along Mrs Scarland's [illegible] [illegible]. I think we will have to leave Amberley. Worked on accounts stamping books etc. Weather growing milder [illegible] being very unattractive [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible]. not to eat so [illegible]. After lunch [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Jack [illegible] [illegible]. Then [illegible] accounts till tea. Read [illegible] till 7.30 then bath. Small [illegible] before dinner. After dinner [illegible] [illegible] Oliphant and listened to [illegible] & music.

SUNDAY December 31

up 7.30 shampoo and good hot
bath before shaving. Breakfast
about 9.0. Wound clocks. Looked
at papers. All try & make out
that Churchill's visit helped
Greek situation. I agree that it
helped by making him realize
that he was wrong. Settled
down & read Oliphant till
luncheon. Ice on road tracks
hard and village out skating.
Hunted for C's 2 skates for Olga
but could not find them. Tel
Nannie who said they were in
Alfreda's cupboard. Hunted w.
Alex after luncheon but could not
find them. Think Alfreda may have
lent them to Anne. Went on reading
Oliphant till tea and then finished
after tea. Needs a lot of revision
but interesting. Talk of American
[illegible] - [illegible] Eden here for day
with Mrs. Scarland's friends D[illegible]
Drink before dinner. After dinner took
C's [illegible] sponge and fitted it with
new sponge bag - Got things together
to take to London.

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